

MINUTES

Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon September 10-11, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

The Presbytery of Grand Canyon of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) held its Stated September Meeting at Community Presbyterian Church in Payson. Karen Muenich, Moderator, opened the meeting at 4:00 p.m. with the lighting of the Peace Candle and prayer. Dick Coffelt, Stated Clerk, reported that a quorum was present.

Commissioners attending for the first time and other guests were welcomed. Corresponding Members were introduced and APPROVED by Presbytery for this meeting.

Presbytery APPROVED the agenda and the following procedural motions: that the roll for this meeting be established by signing of roster sheets at the registration desk; that the Presbytery give the Moderator authority to grant privilege of the floor to persons for the purpose of reporting to this meeting; that the Moderator and Stated Clerk be empowered to make adjustments in the agenda during the meeting, as may be necessary, to provide for efficiency in reporting; and that written requests for absences received by the Stated Clerk be approved.

AGENDA

Friday, September

3:00 p.m.	Registration	
4:00 p.m.	Convene	Karen Muenich
4:10 p.m.	Welcome First Time Commissioners, Guests	Karen Muenich
	Enroll Corresponding Members	
	Establish a Quorum	
	Approve the Agenda & Procedural Motions	
	New Business	
	Greeting from Host Congregation	Charles Proudfoot
	Approve the Consent Agenda	
4:20 p.m.	Synod of the Southwest Report	Rocky Mackey, Art Campbell, Lorelei Hillman
	219 th General Assembly Report	Bob Orf, Annabelle Smallcanyon, Mary Saylor, Trina Zelle
5:40 p.m.	Presentation: <i>Faithfulness in our Stewardship</i>	Kevin Park
6:10 p.m.	Dinner and Fellowship	
6:30 p.m.	75 th Anniversary Celebration	
7:30 p.m.	Worship and Communion	
8:30 p.m.	Recess	

Saturday, September 11

8:50 a.m.	Reconvene	Charles Proudfoot
9:05 a.m.	Presentation: <i>Stewardship of Creation</i>	Doug Bland
9:25 a.m.	Belhar Confession Discussion	Bob Orf
10:10 a.m.	Interim Executive Presbyter	Dave Wasserman
	Accompaniment Program	Gonzalo Ramos, Phil Courtney
	Native American Ministries	Jody Hodahkwen, Martha Sadongei
	Nominating Committee	Charles Proudfoot
	Social Justice and Peacemaking	Leland Wilson
	Budget & Finance Committee	Dave VanArsdale
	Misc Reports and Mission Opportunities	
11:20 a.m.	Planning Committee	Rocky Mackey
12:00 p.m.	Committee on Ministry	Kathryn Owens
	Introduction of New Minister Members: Harrell Davis, Jonathan Evans, Kelly Gregory	
	Celebration of the Life of Rev. Jerry Windsor	Bob Simmons
	Committee on Preparation for Ministry	Rob Johnston
	Enroll Inquirer Megan LeCluyse as Candidate for the Ministry of Word & Sacrament	
12:30 p.m.	Adjournment	Karen Muenich

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CONSENT AGENDA

Presbytery APPROVED the Consent Agenda.

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1. Council/Trustees Report

Stated Meeting July 1, 2010

The Council/Trustees of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon met for its stated July meeting at the Interchurch Center. The meeting was called to order by Glyndon Morris, Council Chair, at 11:05 a.m. with prayer.

COUNCIL/TRUSTEES MINUTES APPROVED

The minutes of the May 13, 2010, meeting of the Council/Trustees were APPROVED as presented.

PRESBYTERY MINUTES APPROVED

Acting on its delegated authority, Council APPROVED the minutes of the June 5, 2010, stated meeting of Presbytery as presented.

VISION DISCUSSION

Council broke into small groups to consider our current ministry areas/committees and how they relate to the future of the Presbytery. Feedback from these discussions included the following:

- As giving and other sources of funding decrease, we may have to consider smaller structure.
- We need to facilitate the use of mission initiative grants.
- Should we be moving toward network building vs. our current program structure?
- We need to concentrate on supporting congregations vs. supporting Presbytery.
- We should think of Presbytery not just as a governing body, but as “the people.”
- We need an emphasis on evangelism; growth will follow.
- What about new church development, not based on geography but on demographics - such as an outreach to 20-somethings?
- How do we free up our ministers, elders and other resource people to be available to share their expertise (i.e., networking) vs. filling up committees they aren’t passionate about?
- We need creative thinking on how to use available new church development funds.
- How do we attract new, younger volunteers and facilitate their involvement (such as not requiring a commitment to weekday meetings)?
- Is the mission focus of Presbytery out of step with the mission focus of our congregations?
- Are we trying to do too much? Should we be doing less, but doing it better?
- There are three presbytery committees (Representation, Ministry and Nominating) currently mandated by the Book of Order. Are there other committees we can let go of? New areas we need to identify and concentrate on?
- Is it possible to invite/encourage more people to serve on a committee than the fixed number filled by the Nominating Committee? Interested volunteers may be turned away under the current system.
- We need to have a modern, “computer generation” focus.

Council members were encouraged to continue sharing ideas with the Planning Committee and to talk with members of their congregations to get their feedback.

There was a brief break to serve lunch, with thanks for God’s provision offered by José Olagues.

PRESBYTERY MODERATOR REPORT

Karen Muenich brought Council up to date on the birth and progress of her granddaughter, Zoe, as well as news of the rest of her family.

COUNCIL CHAIR REPORT

Glyndon Morris reported that the Synod had voted to boycott having any meetings in Arizona as a response to Arizona's new immigration legislation, SB1070. This will result in all Synod meetings being held in Albuquerque.

The following motion was made: With regard to the boycott by the Synod of the Southwest of meetings held in Arizona, that the Presbytery of Grand Canyon withhold our payments to Synod to generate conversation because the Synod does not understand the economic effect of a boycott. It was agreed to defer this motion for discussion under New Business.

STATED CLERK REPORT

Beth Kath reported for Dick Coffelt that First Church Yuma had volunteered to host Presbytery, but requested a March meeting due to temperature. To accommodate this request, Council was asked to waive the norm of holding the one Presbytery meeting per year outside of the Phoenix area in September. The following motion was approved:

MOTION: To accept the invitation of the First Presbyterian Church of Yuma to host the March 2011 stated meeting of Presbytery.

TREASURER REPORT

The Financial Reports as of June 30, 2010, reflected a year-to-date income of \$83,332.42 and expense of \$88,927.51, resulting in a difference of (\$5,595.09). In answer to a question at the May meeting, Paul Rooker said Council expenses were over budget due to meal expenses at the February retreat. Postage expenses were also high due to unanticipated Desert Hills mailings. Budget requests for 2011 are due August 1. The budget will be presented to Council in October and to Presbytery in November.

INTERIM EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER REPORT

Dave Wasserman shared that he has received positive comments about the quality of our recent Presbytery meetings. His summer work schedule will be Monday/Tuesday/Thursday in the office, while working from home on Wednesday/Friday. He noted that our Synod is in transition as it begins the search for an Interim Synod Executive/Stated Clerk, and added that during the boycott of Arizona meetings the Synod, not presbyteries, will pay expenses for Executive Presbyters from Arizona.

ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER REPORT

José Olagues reported that due to SB1070 church attendance was down in our Hispanic congregations, including leadership members. Among his activities at the upcoming General Assembly was to serve as Overture Advocate for the Presbytery's overture "On Amending the Process for Forming Social Witness Policy," to be considered by the GA's Committee on Mission Coordination.

ASSOCIATE FOR RURAL POOR REPORT

Renato Alvarez gave an update on our outreach via the Agua Fria Food Bank, which included providing family care packages and school uniforms. His staff is attending Peace Corps seminars to benefit from that training and better serve food bank recipients.

NATIVE AMERICAN CONSULTANT REPORT

Martha Sadongei advised that she had been attending session meetings and helping congregations fill out financial forms necessary to participate in the new Congregational Partnership program, which was to be promoted at the GA. After 20 years as a Certified Lay Pastor, Bevin Lewis of First Presbyterian Church of Maricopa in Laveen has announced his plan to retire.

PERSONNEL

Paul Harding reported that 71%, or \$93,840 of the combined \$133,000 (\$33,000 for 2010; \$100,000 for 2011), in Personnel budget cuts had been accomplished. Due to a major loss in PC(USA) Mission Partnership funds, work was to continue on staff cost reduction. While a new sustainable percentage-based budget is formulated, including a percentage for Personnel, the committee proposed the following motion, which was approved:

MOTION: That Council rescind its 2009 action to require a \$100,000 reduction in staff expenses in 2011.

BUDGET AND FINANCE

There was discussion about per capita giving, with two central concerns: 1) How should our Presbytery respond to a congregation which refuses to or is unable to make its per capita payment? and 2) Should Presbytery continue its current practice (as required by the Book of Order) of making per capita payments on behalf of that congregation?

The following motion from the agenda was approved:

MOTION: That Council authorize a work team to provide guidance on how to respond to congregations failing to pay per capita.

Another motion was made from the floor: That the Moderator appoint a task force to investigate continued Grand Canyon Presbytery payment of per capita for churches which do not remit their designated portion. Recommended composition of the task force would be one member each from COM, SMCD, Budget, and Council, plus the Stated Clerk, Interim Executive Presbyter, Treasurer, and Paul Frieling (staff, Accounting). Additional task force discussion would deal with churches in arrears on per capita payments. The Task force will designate a chair to report at the October Council meeting.

The motion was amended and approved as follows:

MOTION: That the Moderator appoint a task force to reconsider continued Grand Canyon Presbytery payment of per capita for churches which do not remit their designated portion. Recommended composition of the task force would be one member each from COM, SMCD, Budget, and Council, plus the Stated Clerk, Interim Executive Presbyter, Treasurer, and Paul Frieling (staff, Accounting). This same task force is requested to consider and make recommendations on the first motion concerning per capita giving (above). The Task force will designate a chair to report at the October Council meeting.

[Note: The General Assembly has previously interpreted G-9.0404d to place a responsibility on presbyteries “to remit per capita allocations to synod and General Assembly, even though a congregation does not pay the per capita allocated to it by the presbytery” (*Minutes*, 1999, Part I, p. 107).]

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

As directed by Presbytery, the Discernment Team to work with the Desert Hills session and congregation has been selected:

Gale Watkins, Chair	(Pastor, Westminster)
Deb Avery	(Pastor, Palo Cristi)
Lawn Griffiths	(Elder, University)
Chuck Jarrell	(Elder, Horizon)
Dale Meyer	(Elder, Trinity Prescott)
Grace Mossman	(Elder, Gilbert)
Bev Phillips	(Pastor, retired)
Mary Saylor	(Pastor, Emmanuel)
Bob Simmons	(Pastor, Christ Goodyear)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Council approved the following motion from the committee:

MOTION: To elect on behalf of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon the following persons, all currently Serving on the Preparation for Ministry Committee, to serve as Ordination Exam Readers:

Shelly Core	(Elder, Pinnacle)
Richard Crowe	(Elder, Payson)
George Saylor	(Pastor, Chandler)
Gale Watkins	(Pastor, Westminster)

TRUSTEE REQUESTS

The following motions from the Trustees were approved:

MOTION: That the Trustees approve the request from Arizona Korean Church to list the church property for sale, pending action of the congregation.

MOTION: That the Trustees approve the request for Christ Presbyterian Church to obtain a loan from PILP (Presbyterian Investment & Loan Program) in the amount of \$1,400,000.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion resumed on the topic of the Synod boycott of meetings in the state of Arizona. It was suggested that, regardless of the outcome of a vote on the pending motion, Council members propose at the next meeting on August 19 a positively worded response to Synod, possibly to be presented as a motion to Presbytery at the September 10-11 stated meeting. It was noted that only 4 of 8 of our commissioners to Synod were present at the last meeting when the boycott was approved by a large majority. A vote was taken on the postponed motion, which was not approved.

Dave Hicks announced the address for the beta version of the new Presbytery website, now under development, funded by a grant from the Synod: www.pbygrandcanyon.org/default.php.

PRAYING FOR OUR CONGREGATIONS

Updates and prayer requests were given for the following churches: Memorial, Pinnacle and its PNC, Desert Hills and its sister church in Jamaica, Parker, Arizona Korean, Central, Wickenburg and Westminster. Prayers were also requested for a colleague facing surgery and for comprehensive immigration reform.

Council members were encouraged to worship one Sunday during the month of August with one of the Presbytery's five Hispanic congregations/fellowships as a pastoral sign of support in relation to Arizona immigration legislation. A signup sheet was circulated. This idea, called the "Accompaniment Program," was proposed to Council in a 5/20/10 email from Council Chair, Glyndon Morris. A majority of Council members responded positively and agreed to having a table at the 6/5/10 Presbytery meeting where elders, retired pastors and others could sign up to participate.

ADJOURN

The motion was made to adjourn and the meeting was closed in prayer at 2:25 p.m.
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1. Council/Trustees Report

Stated Meeting August 19, 2010

The Council/Trustees of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon met for its stated August meeting at the Presbytery office. The meeting was called to order by Glyndon Morris, Council Chair, at 11:05 a.m. with prayer. A quorum was present.

COUNCIL/TRUSTEES MINUTES APPROVED

The minutes of the July 1, 2010, meeting of the Council/Trustees were approved as presented.

PRAYING FOR OUR CONGREGATIONS

Updates and prayer requests were given for the following churches: Payson, Kingman, First Yuma, First Peoria, Pinnacle, University and Tuba City. There was special note of the Springerville congregation, whose pastor Jerry Windsor died on July 31. Each of these congregations was lifted up in prayer.

PLANNING COMMITTEE FEEDBACK/DISCUSSION

Rocky Mackey distributed two documents outlining information gathered by the committee to identify responsibilities and organize a structure for new ministry teams. Consideration had been given to the loss of mission funding, confirmed at GA, and the need to operate within a sustainable budget. Areas of responsibility included: Council, COM, CPM, and Personnel; the annual budget, property acquisitions, church loans, and development grant requests; nominations to GA/Synod/committees; the Resource Center; new worship communities; and presbytery meeting planning. When asked for feedback, Council added the following: maintaining our historic diverse focus; expansion of Hispanic interests beyond our borders; lifelong learning; connection between rural and urban churches; relationship building through "face time" meetings; more focus on church growth, with an emphasis on young people; flexibility in "how we do things" and openness to new ideas; local mission giving opportunities; prayer for our spiritual leaders; and education and leadership development opportunities for our pastors, lay members and youth.

There was a brief break to serve lunch, with a prayer of thanksgiving offered by Renato Alvarez.

PRESBYTERY MODERATOR REPORT

Karen Muenich reflected that she had recently been led to spend more time in prayer about Presbytery concerns. She encouraged Council members to continue prayers for the Desert Hills Discernment Team. There was feedback indicating that our Hispanic congregations had found August accompaniment visits meaningful, giving them a sense of connection with the Presbytery. Karen introduced the following motion, which was approved:

MOTION: That the Council reaffirm the Accompaniment Ministry currently under way in the Presbytery, encouraging non-Hispanic Presbyterians to worship with the five Hispanic congregations and fellowships.

COUNCIL CHAIR REPORT

Glyndon Morris reported that there had been a resignation from the Nominating Committee and asked for suggestions for a possible replacement.

STATED CLERK REPORT

A schedule was proposed to cover items requiring Presbytery action from the 2010 General Assembly. Presentation of one of the three major actions (Belhar Confession, Form of Government, and Ordination Standards) would be presented at one Presbytery meeting, followed by debate/voting at the next Presbytery meeting. It was requested that the same person making the initial presentation would return and be available for any questions during debate. The following motion was approved:

MOTION: That the Presbytery discuss and vote on the three major actions of the 219th General Assembly at different Presbytery meetings between now and May 31, 2011, with the specific scheduling to be determined by the Stated Clerk and Interim Executive Presbyter.

Dates for 2011 Presbytery meetings were announced:

- January 22
- March 11-12
- June 11
- September 16-17
- November 12

Due to a number of needed updates to Presbytery and committee documents, there was a proposal to begin review of the Finance and Personnel policies, the Sexual Misconduct policy and the pastor nominating process this fall. A review of Presbytery by-laws and standing rules, plus the COM, CPM and Clerk of Session handbooks would begin in April 2011. The following motion was approved:

MOTION: That Council approve the documents review schedule as proposed.

TREASURER REPORT

Paul Rooker reviewed the Financial Reports as of July 31, 2010, which reflected a year-to-date revenue of \$634,933.56 and expense of \$625,519.91, resulting in a balance of \$9,413.65. It was noted that revenue typically declines in August and for several months to follow.

INTERIM EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER REPORT

Dave Wasserman invited NAM consultant Martha Sadongei to give an update on the NAM ministry, which involves 25 congregations and chapels. Martha spoke of the joys of meeting with their sessions and hearing expressions of gratitude for her "being there" on behalf of Presbytery to support them.

Reflecting on NAM financial needs, Dave said the concept of congregational partnering was presented at GA. He suggested that the brochure created for GA be distributed at the September Presbytery meeting, with presbyters requested to mail one to someone outside our presbytery whose church might be interested in becoming a NAM partner. Council agreed with this idea.

Dave then proposed three motions, all of which were discussed and approved:

MOTION: That Council invite Phyllis Tickle to speak at a special event in early 2012, and that Council authorize the Interim Executive Presbyter to explore the idea of having the other presbyteries in our Synod co-host. (Note: Dave and several other Council members heard Phyllis speak at GA. Her books include The Great Emergence, which focuses on Christianity within our changing culture and exploration of what God is doing for the future of the Church.)

MOTION: That Council invite the Ministry of Leadership of deCristo Presbytery to a conversation about ways we might work together as Arizona Presbyterians, including shared staffing or creating one presbytery from the two.

MOTION: That Council agree to co-sponsor the 2011 Stewardship Kaleidoscope Conference, scheduled for February 28-March 2; that Council recommend a \$1,000 contribution to this event from the 2011 budget (Council); that Council arrange a conference orientation session on the complexity of immigration issues and assist any early arrival participants in making a Sunday worship visit with one of our Hispanic congregations/fellowships.

ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER REPORT

José Olagues reported on his GA experiences, where his interests included health, social justice and immigration issues. He went to a conference in San Antonio attended by 400 Hispanic groups, including 12 from our Presbytery, and enjoyed study leave at Ghost Ranch. He said there is funding available for teams of at least three to attend the September 24-25 Rural Church conference cosponsored by Grand Canyon Presbytery.

ASSOCIATE FOR RURAL POOR REPORT

Renato Alvarez circulated an information sheet outlining the ways in which more than 4,500 people had been helped by the Presbytery-sponsored Agua Fria Food and Clothing Bank ministry in July, the highest number so far in 2010. Renato participated as both a Presbyterian minister and Grand Canyon Presbytery member in recent prayer meetings at the State capital. Volunteer training at the food bank was continuing.

PERSONNEL

Paul Harding reported that the committee was working on budget reductions for 2011, as well as a review of the employee manual. Staff performance reviews were scheduled for October/November.

PER CAPITA WORK GROUP

As the result of a motion at the July meeting, the following work group was formed: (1) to provide guidance on how to respond to congregations failing to pay per capita; and (2) to reconsider continued Grand Canyon Presbytery payment of per capita for churches which do not remit their designated portion.

Shirley Randolph	Budget	Paul Rooker	Treasurer
John Poling	Council	Paul Frieling	Finance Staff
Bill Quigley	COM	Dick Coffelt	Stated Clerk
Mary Lynn Walters	SMCD	Dave Wasserman	Interim Exec Presbyter

FUNDS DEVELOPMENT WORK GROUP

A written update reported that a two-year covenant had been signed with General Assembly regarding World Mission Funds. A major funding need to support our two NAM consultants for five years at a cost of \$175,000 was identified to offer to potential donors for designated giving.

BUDGET AND FINANCE

Helen Branyan said work was continuing on the 2011 budget. Comments from Council included the need for a narrative budget to provide information to our congregations, as well as a reminder that the loss of membership within our Presbytery has affected funding at all levels.

A motion proposing a 2011 Per Capita of \$32.35 (GA \$6.50; Synod \$7; Presbytery \$18.85) was moved and seconded, with discussion following and an amended motion approved as follows:

MOTION: That Council recommend for Presbytery approval a 2011 Per Capita of \$32.50 per member (currently \$31). This amount will cover the Synod increase of \$1, the GA increase of \$.35, and a Presbytery increase of \$.15. The new breakdown will be: GA \$6.50; Synod \$7; and Presbytery \$19.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

Kathryn Owens reported that the Discernment Team for Desert Hills had made its initial presentation, which was well received. The Pastoral Team had been recruited and members were as follows:

Gayle Parker, Chair	Roberta Fogel	Jackie Poling
Stan Burtless	Stan Jones	Ed Spence
Shelly Core	Kimberly Murman	Jim Uhley

STEWARDSHIP, MISSION, AND COMMUNICATION DEVELOPMENT

Mary Lynn Walters announced that work on the new Grand Canyon website was progressing. Plans were under way for a fall stewardship campaign to be conducted by the committee with each congregation via telephone.

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND PEACEMAKING

The committee presented this Resolution: Guided by a Biblical vision, and the witness of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in its General Assemblies, the Social Justice and Peacemaking Committee of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon urges ratification of the new (April 2010) Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty signed by Russia and the United States. Though modest, it is a significant step toward the goal of a world without nuclear weapons. To our congregations, we invite a planned response through communication with those who serve us in government, especially Senators Jon Kyl and John McCain. To Senators Kyl and McCain, we urge an openness to ratification and, hopefully, support in a Senate vote.

The following motion was approved, with presentation of the resolution to be included on the agenda of the September Presbytery meeting:

MOTION: That Council: (1) join with the SJPC in adopting the Resolution; (2) refer it to the Presbytery for action; and (3) communicate this action to the two Arizona Senators.

WOMENS MINISTRIES

Cynthia Jennison reported that the committee would be holding a January 28-29 Women's Retreat and Educational Conference, focusing on the issue of human trafficking, at Southminster Presbyterian Church. The committee's annual brochure was distributed, and Council gave feedback on the Clergy Spouse Support ministry jointly coordinated by Women's Ministries and COM.

ADJOURN

It was decided there would be no September 2, 2010, Council meeting, and the motion was made to adjourn. The meeting was closed in prayer at 3:10 p.m. by Glyndon Morris. The next meeting of the Council/Trustees will be October 21, 2010, at the Presbytery office.

2. Committee on Ministry Report

Committee Action/Approval taken on behalf of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon in accordance with the responsibilities granted to the Committee by the Presbytery and to be reported for information to the Presbytery Council and the Presbytery at their next meetings:

Actions taken at the May 25, 2010, COM meeting

1. Anderson, D. Mark

Approved the Chaplaincy Ministry of Rev. D. Mark Anderson as Staff Chaplain at Banner Desert Medical Center as a Validated Ministry Beyond the Jurisdiction (G-11.0411) and approved the transfer of his membership from the Presbytery of Santa Barbara to the Presbytery of Grand Canyon effective May 25, 2010.

2. Harrison, Chris

Approved the Administrative Commission to Ordain Candidate Chris Harrison to the Office of Minister of Word and Sacrament at 3:00 p.m. on June 27, 2010, at Church of the Master Presbyterian Church, with the names of those to serve to be appointed by Metro East Cluster. Chris received a Pastoral Call to be Pastor to Glendale Presbyterian Church, Glendale, California. He was examined for ordination by the Presbytery of San Fernando on May 22 and the examination sustained.

3. Saylor, Mary

Granted Rev. Mary Saylor authority to Labor Outside the Bounds of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon on July 25, 2010, to preach at Buchanan Presbyterian Church in Lewisville, Ohio.

Actions taken at the June 22, 2010, COM meeting

1. Evans, William

Approved renewal of the Interim Pastor Agreement between Rev. William B. Evans and the Session of Northminster Presbyterian Church for up to 12 months, with 60 days notice for termination, effective June 1, 2010, on the following terms:

Salary	\$25,000	Pension/Medical	As required by BOP
Housing	24,000	Vacation	One month per policy
Professional Exp *	2,500	Study Leave	Two weeks
Study Allowance	1,500		

* = vouchered

2. Saylor, George

Approved the appointment of an Administrative Commission with the following named persons to install Rev. George Saylor as Designated Pastor to Chandler Presbyterian Church on Sunday, November 7, 2010, at 3:00 p.m.:

Ministers

Karen Muenich, Moderator
Gloria Pulido
Mary Saylor
Gale Watkins

Elders

David Boyne (Chandler)
Dick Coffelt (Valley)
Rocky Mackey (Gilbert)

Actions taken at the July 27, 2010, COM meeting

1. Evans, Jonathan

Approved the Pastoral Call of the Rev. Jonathan K. Evans as Pastor to First Presbyterian Church, Wickenburg, and approved transfer of membership from the Presbytery of Beaver-Butler to the Presbytery of Grand Canyon effective August 29, 2010, on the following terms:

Salary	\$30,000	Pension/Medical	As required by BOP
Housing	22,000	Vacation	One month per policy
Auto	Church owned & provided	Study Leave	Two weeks
Study Allowance *	\$ 1,500	Moving Costs *	\$10,000
Free Use of Church Owned House			
for one year - exclusive of Utilities		EEO Requirements Met	
* = vouchered			

2. Soderquist, Paul

Approved renewal of the Interim Pastor Agreement between the Rev. Paul F. Soderquist and the Session of Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church, effective October 1, 2010, on the following terms:

Salary	\$57,000	Medical/Pension	As required by BOP
Housing	15,000	Vacation	One month per policy
Travel *	2,500	Study Leave	Two weeks
Study Allowance *	1,500		
* = vouchered			

Actions taken at the August 24, 2010, COM meeting

1. Davis, Harrell

Approved the transfer of membership of the Rev. Harrell Davis from the Presbytery of Indian Nations to the Presbytery of Grand Canyon effective August 24, 2010.

2. Eaken, Larry

Approved the Pastoral Call of the Rev. Dr. Larry Eaken as Pastor to John Calvin Presbyterian Church effective September 1, 2010, on the following terms:

Salary	\$25,000	Pension/Medical	As required by BOP
Housing	28,000	Vacation	One month per policy
Auto	1,400	Study Leave	Two weeks
Study Allowance *	\$ 1,000	EEO Requirements Met	
* = vouchered			

3. Kehle, Deborah

Approved the transfer of membership of the Rev. Deborah Kehle from the Presbytery of Grand Canyon to the Presbytery of Santa Barbara in order that she may accept the pastoral call to be Pastor to Goleta Presbyterian Church effective September 7, 2010, on the following terms:

Salary	\$41,000	Pension/Medical	As required by BOP
Deferred Compensation	12,000	Med/Dental Reimburse	\$1,250
Housing	35,000	Vacation	One month per policy
Auto Allowance	1,000	Study Leave	Two weeks
Study Allowance	1,750	Moving costs	up to \$5,000
Business Expense	800		

3. Preparation for Ministry Committee Report

Committee Action/Approval taken on behalf of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon in accordance with the responsibilities granted to the Committee by the Presbytery and to be reported for information to the Presbytery Council and Presbytery at their next meetings:

Actions taken at the June 15, 2010, CPM meeting

1. Felix, Robert

Approved the PIF and Statement of Faith of candidate Robert Felix and certified him ready to seek a call.

ROLL

Corresponding Members Enrolled

Bland, Doug (United Church of Christ)
Garcia, Joaquin (Nuevo Leon, Mexico)
Gregory, Kelly (John Knox)

Keesecker, Joe (Santa Fe)
Park, Kevin (Newark)
Wood, Patricia (Savannah)

Ministers Present

Alvarez, Renato
Arbesman, Janet
Avram, Wesley
Bailey, Linda
Baker, Brant
Byall, Lowell
Byrd, Nathan
Campbell, Arthur
Clark, Bobby
Clark, Robert
Clark, Walter
Claus, Bob
Courtney, C. Philip
Davis, Harrell
Eaken, Lawrence
Engstrom, C. Bud
Evans, Bill
Evans, Jonathan
Fowler, H. Douglas
Garvin, G. Woody
Gephart, Al
Good, Bill
Hartwell, Michael
Hicks, David
Hicks, Mae
Hillman, Lorelei
Hodgson, David
Hubbard, Deborah
Johnston, Robert M.
Lineweaver, Thomas

McIntosh, Constance
Moe, Michelle
Moranville, Thomas
Muenich, Karen
Murman, Kimberly
Noble, James
Page, Kenneth
Palmer, Theron
Park, Francis
Poling, John Clark
Proudfoot, Charles
Pyke, Kathryn
Ramos, Gonzalo
Sadongei, Martha
Saylor, George

Saylor, Mary
Simmons, Robert
Soderquist, Paul
Spence, Edward
Tilly, Mark
Van Arsdale, David
Wasserman, Dave
Watkins, W. Gale
Willett, Kristin
Worsnop, Linda
Young, Patricia
Zelle, Trina

Churches/Elder Commissioners Present

Arizona Korean Moon Sup Lee
Betania Mary Chavez
Bethany Lanny Trapnell
Celebration of Life Beverly Schleigh
Central Jody Hodahkwen
Chandler Jim Miller
Church of the Master Jim Anderson
Crosswinds Teri Conrad
Desert Hills Jacqy Kilgore, Barbara Conti
Desert Palms David Montgomery, Jean Montgomery,
Robin McFarland
Emmanuel Tom Jenney
Faith Ellen Van Arsdale, Miriam Bedwell
Fountain Hills Pat Tuttle
Ganado Merlin Yazzie
Gila Crossing Gloria Suchta
Gilbert Mike Gallagher
Historic First Barbara Petersen

John Calvin Jane Wahlers
Lehi Eugene Chiago
Leupp First Annabelle Smallcanyon
Memorial Ron Hawkins
Mesa First Bob Gerlach
Mingus View Ron Fox
Mission del Sol Kurt Boesen
Mohawk Valley John Klingenberg
Mountain View Deborah Atchinson, Jena Ashton,
Gail Loeffel, Shirley Randolph
Northminster Bob Brandt
Orangewood Fred Norling, Bob Orf
Payson Community Nancy Cox
Peoria First Priscilla Cook
Pinetop Community Judi Morland
Pinnacle Doug Brown, Bill Noyes, Paul Rooker
Scottsdale Craig Reynolds
Sierra Vista Cindy Michels

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Churches/Elder Commissioners Present (continued)

Southminster Gloria Young
Sun City-First Mary McMartin
Sunnyslope Dave Peterson, Willy Zunker
University Lawn Griffiths
Vah-Ki Annette Stewart
Valley Judy Lippmann

Verde Valley Karen Colby
Westminster Debby Holmes
Wickenburg First Mike Horn
Yarnell Community Jack Rauh
Yuma First Suzanne Courtney

Commissioned Lay Pastors Present

Halwood, Danny Jefferson, Audrey

Jones, Paul Ragland, Reginald

Council Members Present

Coffelt, Richard Hodahkwen, Jody
Courtney, Suzanne Mackey, Rochelle
Fogel, Roberta Miller, Jeannette

Owens, Kathryn Wilson, Leland
Swanson, Don
Walters, Mary Lynn

Staff Members Present

Kath, Beth McBurney, Carolyn

Visitors Present

There were 32 registered visitors present.

Ministers Excused

Anderson, Fred
Anderson, Richard
Atchinson, Glenn
Avery, Debra
Baer, Doug
Barklind, John
Baxter, Patricia
Berg, George
Berry, Thomas
Bibiloni, Jose
Bigler, Robert
Blincoe, Robert
Borden, John
Borhauer, Harold
Brahams, Hap
Bruening, James
Burtless, Stanford
Byers, Harold
Citron, Suzanne
Clarke, Dennis
Confair, Jay
Conroy, Floyd
Cook, John Coy
Corazin, Nan Lyn
Corbett, Lawrence
Corbett, Cecil
Doh, Joseph
Dulaney, Robert
Eckert, Peter
Eisenhower, Laura
Grace
Ensley, Jr., Milton
Evans, Lloyd
Exon, Ina
Farwell, Barbara
Flahiff, John
Fletcher, Tully
Fooks, John
Forsberg, David
Fox, Charles
Fredrick, John
Fuehrer, Robert
Fulton, Helmi
Goodenberger, Alton
Gray, Barrie
Hawkins, Darren
Hayes, William
Hodgson, Deanne
Hood, Brandon
Illingworth, J. Davis
Jacobs, Sr., John
Jann, Donn
Jarvis, Troy
Jenkins, Charles
Joe, Victor
Johnson, Caleb
Johnson, Bruce
Jones, Stanley
Jousan, C. Mike
Kilgore, L. Wilson
Kim, Kwang
Kim, CHC, USN,
Myung Bae
Kimberlin, J. Kenneth

Kuhn, Laura Joost
Kush, Gary
Latty, Allan
Lefebvre, Eugene
Lodge, David
Martz, Robert
Mayes, Robert
Melendez, Hipolito
Meredith, Ralph
Miller, Craig
Miller, Jerry
Moe, Kenneth
Moser, Paul
Moxness, N. Michael
Oppenhuizen, Kathleen
Parker, Gayle
Parker, Thomas
Pfeffer, William
Phillips, Norman
Phillips, Beverly
Porter, Don
Pratt, Edward
Prichard, Jack
Pulido, Gloria
Pyke, Richard
Rae, Robert
Ramsdell, Richard
Remer, James
Rhoades, Francis
Robertson, John
Roop, David
Rosson, Roland

Sabbagh, John
Schenck, Jed
Schmitt, Gus
Schlotzhauer, Wesley
Sheane, J. Kenneth
Siekmann, Eugene
Smith, Esther
Stevens, Charles
Straatmeyer, Al
Thom, Francis
Uhley, James
Ulrickson, Paul
Valle, Paula
Van Dyke, P. James
Vautier, Grif
Vautier, B. Holly
Voth, John
Walker, George
Wallace, David
Wayne, Richard
Weir, J. Kyle
White, Frank
Williamson, Donald
Wintz, Michael
Wintz, Susan
Witte, Cathy
Wright, Douglas
Young, Alvin
Zabriskie, Richard

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Churches/Elder Commissioners Excused

Flagstaff Federated Kent Christiansen
Heritage Jerry Muenich
Kingman Joan Johns

Salt River Ray Salcido
Springerville Jack Husted
Wellton Community Paul Ehler

Council Members Excused

Branyan, Helen Jacobo, Louis
Harding, Paul Morris, Glyndon

Wilmoth, Kath

Ministers Absent

Anderson, Mark Jennison, Cynthia
Bybee, David Kerber, Keith
Doh, Helen Manning, Marilyn
Hart, Floyd McCabe, Norma
Hawkins, Ron Miller, Joan

Nielsen, Richard
Ramirez, Julio
Reinhold, Ruth
Roberts, Margaret
Schumacher, Bruce

Selestewa, Sharon
Song, Seok Min
Turner, David
Vogel, Leslie

Commissioned Lay Pastors Absent

Blackwater, Richard Danforth, Mary

Davis, Roger

Kelly, Calvin

Churches Absent

Alpine Community Fort McDowell
Blackwater Goodyear Village
Chinle Trinity Guadalupe
Christ Horizon
Fort Defiance Indian Wells

Kayenta
Lake Havasu
Community
Maricopa First
Palo Cristi

Parker Valley
Prescott Trinity
Sacaton First
Tuba City First
Winslow

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

GREETING

The Rev. Chuck Proudfoot, Pastor, welcomed Presbytery to Community Presbyterian Church in Payson, which was celebrating its 75th anniversary.

SYNOD OF THE SOUTHWEST REPORT

Synod commissioners Art Campbell, Mary Lynn Walters, Rocky Mackey and Lorelei Hillman explained that a search committee had been formed for a synod Interim Executive/Stated Clerk; that since there were no Synod staff raises for 2010, a one-time 3% bonus had been granted; and that \$40,000 in seed money had been designated to fund four two-day retreats for young pastors.

There was discussion of the Synod's response to Arizona SB 1070, specifically a decision for the Synod to "Hold all of its meetings in the State of New Mexico until Arizona policy is repealed." Gale Watkins made a motion from the floor as follows: I move that, in light of the Synod of the Southwest's June 2010 action in response to Arizona's new immigration law, the Presbytery of Grand Canyon: 1. Direct the Stated Clerk to communicate to the Interim Stated Clerk of the Synod the following: that the ministers and elder commissioners of this Presbytery hold diverse viewpoints on the merits and shortcomings of SB10701 HB 2162; that some in this Presbytery who oppose the bill and hope that it will be repealed nevertheless support a strategy that differs from that adopted by the Synod; that our Presbytery Council, meeting on August 19, 2010, has reaffirmed an Accompaniment Ministry in which non-Hispanic Presbyterians are encouraged to worship with our five Hispanic congregations and fellowships; that item c. of the Synod's action, which calls for "Presbyterians of diverse ethnicity, immigrant status, and political perspectives to engage one another," might best be accomplished by the modification of item d., which requires the Synod to "hold all of its meetings in the State of New Mexico"; and that many of our ministers and elder commissioners hope that the Synod, at its next meeting,

will seriously consider adopting a policy that would emphasize presence rather than avoidance. 2. Recognizing the principle that “presbyters are not simply to reflect the will of the people, but rather to seek together to find and represent the will of Christ” (G-4.0301d), the Presbytery respectfully urges its commissioners to the Synod of the Southwest to: express the concerns that many of our ministers and elders have about the Synod’s June 2010 action, and to consider, or even propose, a Synod response to Arizona’s new immigration law that would be more closely aligned with our Council’s Accompaniment Ministry.

As discussion began, a point of order was called requesting that the Moderator have copies of the motion distributed. Further discussion was postponed until copies could be run.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY REPORT

Presbytery commissioners to the 219th General Assembly from July 3-10, 2010, reported on their experiences. Bob Orf presented a slide show. Trina Zelle reported on efforts to bring Korean churches more fully into the denomination, including a decision to no longer approve segregated Korean congregations. Mary Saylor, who served on the committee on marriage and civil unions, reported that both the majority and minority reports had been adopted.

DISCUSSION OF SYNOD RESPONSE TO AZ SB 1070

Copies of the previous motion having been distributed, Synod commissioner Lorelei Hillman fielded questions. She explained that the Synod response had been a careful process which sought to discern the will of Christ. Comments included concerns about a Synod response to a state law, an action which was unusual and perhaps precedent setting, as well as the potential conflict of interest created when a Synod action resulted in a boycott of presbyteries within its own boundaries. Concerns were voiced about those Synod commissioners who could be fearful of travel within Arizona due to the provisions of SB 1070.

Regarding the original motion, a motion was made and approved to divide the question. The following were then approved:

- MOTION:** That in light of the Synod of the Southwest’s June 2010 action in response to Arizona’s new immigration law, the Presbytery of Grand Canyon direct the Stated Clerk to communicate to the Interim Stated Clerk of the Synod the following:
- That the ministers and elder commissioners of this Presbytery hold diverse viewpoints on the merits and shortcomings of SB10701 HB 2162;
 - That some in this Presbytery who oppose the bill and hope that it will be repealed nevertheless support a strategy that differs from that adopted by the Synod;
 - That our Presbytery Council, meeting on August 19, 2010, has reaffirmed an Accompaniment Ministry in which non-Hispanic Presbyterians are encouraged to worship with our five Hispanic congregations and fellowships;
 - That item c. of the Synod’s action, which calls for “Presbyterians of diverse ethnicity, immigrant status, and political perspectives to engage one another,” might best be accomplished by the modification of item d., which requires the Synod to “hold all of its meetings in the State of New Mexico”; and
 - That many of our ministers and elder commissioners hope that the Synod, at its next meeting, will seriously consider adopting a policy that would emphasize presence rather than avoidance.

MOTION: Recognizing the principle that “presbyters are not simply to reflect the will of the people, but rather to seek together to find and represent the will of Christ” (G-4.0301d), the Presbytery respectfully urges its commissioners to the Synod of the Southwest to express the concerns that many of our ministers and elders have about the Synod’s June 2010 action, and to consider, or even propose, a Synod response to Arizona’s new immigration law that would be more closely aligned with our Council’s Accompaniment Ministry.

STEWARDSHIP PRESENTATION

Rev. Kevin Park, Associate for Theology, Worship and Education of the PC(USA)'s General Assembly Mission Council, spoke on "Faithfulness in Our Stewardship," based on the principle that stewardship should be our natural response to God's grace. Reflecting on our consumerism and tendency to view money as power, Kevin urged pastors and church leaders to speak directly to their congregations about giving and to hold up congregation members with generous giving patterns as examples. With studies showing that the average Christian family contributes only 0.62% of household income, he said more transparency is needed.

DINNER AND FELLOWSHIP

There was a break at 6:15 p.m. for dinner hosted by the Community Presbyterian congregation, followed by a bagpipe processional leading into a celebration of the church's 75th anniversary. The congregation had 32 founding members and now numbers 100.

WORSHIP

The Rev. Kevin Park delivered the sermon. Communion was served. Willie Zunker, Megan LeCluyse, Chuck Proudfoot and Val Sullivan participated in the service, and special music was provided by Community Presbyterian musicians. Following a charge and blessing, the meeting recessed until Saturday morning.

RECONVENE

The meeting reconvened on Saturday at 9:00 a.m. in prayer and song led by Community's pastor, Chuck Proudfoot. There was a presentation by Rev. Doug Bland, United Church of Christ, on the ecology related theme, "Stewardship of Creation."

BELHAR CONFESSION INTRODUCTION

Bob Orf and Lowell Byall presented a first reading of materials on the Belhar Confession, which was approved for inclusion in our Book of Confessions at the 219th General Assembly and then was referred to presbyteries for the two-thirds vote necessary for adoption. Discussion of the confession and voting were scheduled for the next Presbytery meeting in November. There was a question as to whether the version presented for voting was the original 1986 wording. [Note: The endnote on the Confession as distributed by the GA states that it is a translation of the original Afrikaans text, with inclusive language, as prepared by the PC(USA) Office of Theology and Worship.]

INTERIM EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER REPORT

Dave Wasserman reflected on the importance of relationships within our Presbytery. Citing the Accompaniment initiative and the Congregational Partnering ministry as examples of good community building, he urged presbyters to become more intentional about continuing their relationships between meetings. Dave suggested that an opportunity for a service project be incorporated into our upcoming meeting in Yuma in March 2011.

ACCOMPANIMENT FEEDBACK

Phil Courtney (Yuma First) shared how meaningful a visit from Palo Christi members had been not only to his congregation, but also to him since he felt personally "accompanied" in his ministry. Derney Ramos (Betania), whose congregation includes immigrants from 11 nations, said the accompaniment program had given them "the sense of mission of the one who feels the pain of the other one."

NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES REPORT

Jody Hodahkwen, NAM Committee Chair, urged presbyters to ask their congregations join as sister congregations for fellowship and worship with our Native American churches. It was reported that the Cook College NAM program was changing from a campus ministry to educational outreach within congregations. Martha Sadongei, NAM consultant, asked presbyters to consider sending a NAM Partnership brochure to someone outside our presbytery. She said Native American churches wanted to feel included in our Presbytery and admitted she was struggling to understand how to make that happen. Annabelle Smallcanyon reported on her experiences as a General Assembly commissioner.

NOMINATIONS

Presbytery approved the following nominations as presented by the Nominations Committee:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Committee</u>	<u>Class</u>
Glyndon Morris (Palo Cristi)	Committee on Ministry	2012
Karen Colby (Verde Valley)	Evangelism & Church Development	2012
Rev. Tom Berry	Montlure	2012
Rev. Suzanne Citron	Preparation for Ministry	2012
Phebe Packer (Orangewood)	Social Justice and Peacemaking	2012
Rev. Janet Arbesman	Stewardship, Mission and Comm Dev	2012
Rev. Gonzalo Ramos	Commissioner to Synod	2012
Rev. Phil Courtney	Commissioner to Synod	2012
Jean Montgomery (Desert Palms)	Commissioner to Synod	2012
Constance McIntosh (Chinle)	Educational Ministries – Vice Chair	

NUCLEAR ARMS REDUCTION TREATY SUPPORT

A resolution was presented by Leland Wilson of the Social Justice and Peacemaking Committee regarding ratification of the 2010 Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty as follows:

Guided by a Biblical vision, and the witness of the Presbyterian Church (USA) in its General Assemblies, the Social Justice and Peacemaking Committee urges the ratification of the new April 2010 Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty signed by Russia and the United States. Though modest, it is a significant step toward the goal of a world without nuclear weapons.

To our congregations, we invite a planned response through communication with those who serve us in government, especially Senators Jon Kyl and John McCain.

To Senators Kyl and McCain, we urge an openness to ratification, and hopefully, support in a Senate vote.

May we anticipate and labor toward that day when “nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.” (Micah 4:3)

The following motion was approved:

MOTION: To encourage support of the proposed Nuclear Arms Reduction Treaty.

PER CAPITA 2011

There were a number of questions and comments from concerned presbyters regarding the reason and need for the Synod portion increase, as well as individual churches' and Presbytery's obligation to pay per capita apportionments. Mary Lynn Walters, one of the ten Grand Canyon commissioners to Synod, explained that the increase was due to increased expenses. There was a call for the question. Grand Canyon Presbytery Treasurer Paul Rooker commented that the per capita must be paid by presbytery, regardless of support for the apportionment. A motion was made to close debate and the following was approved:

MOTION: To approve the 2011 Per Capita of \$32.50; an increase of \$.35 to General Assembly, \$1.00 to Synod, and \$.15 to Presbytery. [GA, \$6.50; Synod, \$7; Presbytery, \$19]

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Rocky Mackey invited feedback on the information provided at the meeting outlining structure for the Presbytery as it moves into the future. Further discussion was scheduled for the November Presbytery meeting.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY REPORT

New members Harrell Davis (Sun City First interim), Jonathan Evans (Wickenburg pastor), and Kelly Gregory (Banner Good Samaritan chaplain) were introduced and welcomed. Bob Simmons offered remembrances of his friend Jerry Windsor who died while in service as pastor to the Springerville congregation. Inquirer Megan

LeCluyse, sponsored by Mountain View, addressed the presbytery and answered questions. The following was approved:

MOTION: On the recommendation of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, enroll Inquirer Megan LeCluyse as Candidate for the Ministry of Word and Sacrament.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the motion was made to adjourn and the meeting was closed in prayer at 12:40 p.m. by Karen Muenich. The next Stated Meeting of Presbytery will be November 13, 2010, at Bethany Presbyterian Church in Phoenix.

Dick Coffelt, Stated Clerk

October 21, 2010