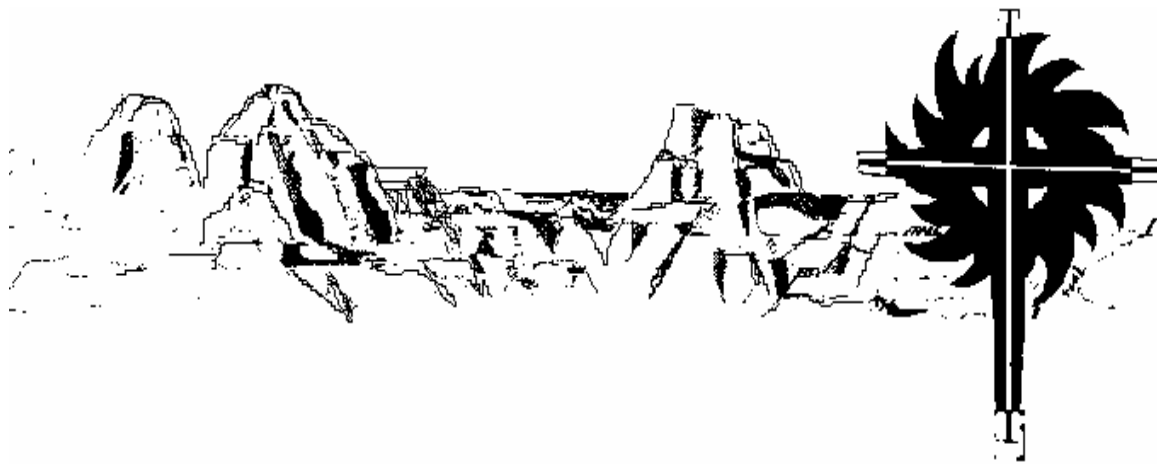


2006 Committee Annual Reports



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Report of the Executive Presbyter

For many reasons, not all church related, I was happy to see the year 2006 expire. The world seems even more fractured as 2007 begins than a year ago at this time. But there are promising signs all around that things may get better. And if there is anything we can always cling to in difficult times it is the hope of the gospel.

The presbytery is in fair shape at the present. Financially, we ended the year in the black. The greatest challenges for us will come in 2008 and beyond, relating to circulation of mission dollars and the viability of middle governing bodies (presbyteries and synods). This year must be a time for careful planning to meet the changing realities in our ecclesiastical life together.

This presbytery represents the full spectrum of beliefs and opinions about the theological and social issues facing our denomination. Nevertheless, we have been blessed that these differences have not led to the intense conflict that some other presbyteries have experienced. The action of the General Assembly last June to approve an amended version of the Peace Unity and Purity Task Force Report has led some in our presbytery to express discontent with the denomination. There are some among us who would like the presbytery to name the specific essential tenets or proclaim stricter standards for acceptance of ministers into membership. I have heard grumbling about other subjects of disagreement, as well. Thankfully, I have not heard indications that these various views have led to concrete plans for any of our churches to seek to leave the denomination. I pray daily that all of our member churches will remain part of Grand Canyon Presbytery.

The Committee on Ministry and the Theology and Worship Committee have established a joint task force to communicate with the presbytery throughout this year about the recommendations in the PUP Report and how we can live them out. My prayer is that we will continue to extend grace and respect to one another as we discuss, debate, and decide those things that shape our common faith and life as Presbyterians.

Grace and Peace,

Ken

Ken Moe

Presbytery of Grand Canyon Mission Statement

The mission of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon is to celebrate and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ by:

- nurturing each congregation and minister member,
- assisting and challenging each congregation to engage in ministry and mission with other congregations and denominations
- developing and redeveloping worship communities
- being a connectional, communicative link in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Scriptural Foundation

Isaiah 43:18-19

Do not remember the former things or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

Our Journey Together

Report of the Stated Clerk - Dick Coffelt

The mission of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon “to celebrate and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ...” is carried out each and every day of the year “24/7” through the ministry of our 70 Churches, 6 Chapels, 1 New Church Development and 4 Worshipping Fellowships; through the ministry of our 210 Ministers of Word and Sacrament and 10 Commissioned Lay Pastors; the ministry of 584 Elders and 688 Deacons; the ministry of 16,277 Communicant Presbyterian Church Members; the work and ministry of our Presbytery Council and twelve Presbytery Committees with over 200 volunteers so engaged in those activities; and through the work and ministry of our Presbytery Staff.

We gathered together as Presbyters on January 21 at Mission del Sol, on March 17-18 at Gilbert, on June 10 at Arizona Korean, on September 15-16 at Pinetop Community and on November 11 at Cook School for Christian Leadership. In addition we gathered on February 4 for the biennial Big Event at Valley with Tex Sample as the keynote speaker and over 50 offered workshops. The overarching theme of our gatherings in 2006 was *Joy and Celebration*. Some of many happenings throughout the year were these:

- Reception of New Minister Members – David Van Arsdale (Pastor – Faith), G Derney Ramos (Pastor – Betania), Ruth Reinhold (Associate Pastor – Valley), Troy Jarvis (HR), John Borden (HR), Duncan MacLeod (Associate – Trinity, Prescott), Laura Joost-Kuhn (Pastor – Alpine), Ken Page (Pastor – Orangewood), Lloyd Evans (Pastor – Mingus View) and Donald Williamson (HR)
- Presentation of the Report of the Theological Task force on Peace, Unity and Purity by task force members Martha Sadonge (Central’s Pastor) and Barbara Bryant (Affiliate Member at Valley)
- Election of the Commissioners/Advisory Delegates to the 217th General Assembly (2006) - Marilyn Manning (Valley) and Judy Wellington (Staff) as Minister Commissioners; Marcus Dawes (Trinity, Prescott) and Willy Zunker (Sunnyslope) as Elder Commissioners; Harlan Glinski (First, Wickenburg) as Youth Advisory Delegate and Linda Bailey as SFTS Theological Student Advisory Delegate
- The Rev. Dr. Marian McClure, Director of Worldwide Ministries presented and led a discussion on the worldwide mission work of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
- Presentation of the Annual George Brooks Social Justice Award to Elder Doris Lewis, Southminster, *and* Elder Lillian Oats, Mission del Sol, both of whom were being honored in 2006
- Special music by the Arizona Korean Presbyterian Church Choir, soloist Eun Young Suh and the youth from Arizona Korean at the June meeting
- Clown Ministry was celebrated throughout the September meeting in Pinetop with clowns Froggie, Happy, Heart Gifting, Spunky and Luka enrolled as Corresponding Members with the reminder that clowns do their work in silence. Also at that meeting we celebrated the Ministry of Judy Wellington as Associate Executive for Native American Ministries as she transferred to Santa Fe Presbytery to accept an Associate Pastor position and the Ministry of Jim Longstreet (Pastor, Wickenburg) as he transferred to a Pastoral Position in Tres Rios Presbytery

All of the above and more provided us with an opportunity to celebrate community, multicultural ministry, service and commitment in order that together we may seek to bear witness to God’s grace in Jesus Christ and to fulfill the Great Ends of the Church.

Associate Executive for Congregational Resourcing

José Olagues

I'm becoming more and more acquainted not only with the turns on some of Arizona's highways, but I'm even beginning to notice changes of routing on the roads, road repairs which make specific potholes disappear, dividing lines repainted, etc... As in previous years, I experienced the contrast in climates - from the summer heat in Yuma to the snow covered grounds in Alpine. Most of the traveling in 2006 was done in order to accomplish some group instruction or to lead groups in discussion and discernment and took place at various locations and settings throughout the presbytery.

The groups came together for a number of reasons, including:

- Training sessions in topics related to education, leadership development, mission, evangelism, stewardship and social justice (including training sessions for elders & deacons),
- Meetings of presbytery committees and task forces,
- Doing congregational business, as a session,
- Leading congregational transformation activities by local teams,
- Consulting in specific areas.

During the year, significant energy was devoted to New Church Development or Congregational Transformation efforts. These two areas are significant components of the mission of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon.

The Evangelism & Church Development (E&CD) Committee established a task force to begin the implementation of the strategic New Church Development Plan recommended to Council and approved by the presbytery. As a presbytery, we continue supporting the development of the newest New Church Development in our presbytery, Morning Star Presbyterian Church and look forward to its chartering in the not too distant future.

Numerous activities took place to assist congregations concerned with transforming their ministries, in order to better serve the communities in which they operate. During the year, Congregational Transformation efforts included, but were not limited to:

- Offering scholarships to enable local team members to attend two national conferences,
- Local weekend instructional retreat for five congregational teams,

- Presentations to sessions,
- Consultations with local groups as needed.

We continue to encourage all congregations to examine their ministries and to envision new possibilities to serve ALL of God's children in our communities.

I had the pleasure of worshipping in many of our congregations, small, big, urban, suburban and rural. Not having a pulpit to call my own, again I'm grateful for the invitations to serve as pulpit supply. This year I had the privilege of preaching in several pulpits in Maricopa County including the furthest north at Wickenburg, in Yuma County at the furthest southwest point in the presbytery at Yuma, in Pinal County at the furthest east location in metropolitan Phoenix area at Apache Junction, and many points in between.

My hope and prayers continue to be that the Presbytery of Grand Canyon, as a body, honors, respects, and celebrates our unique differences. Our Creator God intended to create a diverse world, and God continues to call us to a ministry of inclusion.

Joint Report of Associate Executive for Native American Ministries

Judy Wellington And Interim Associate, Robert Lewis

(Rev. Judy Wellington left at the end of September to serve as associate pastor at La Mesa Presbyterian Church in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The first part of this report was written by Judy.)

Native American Ministries were represented through the Big Event Workshop Leadership and by the number of participants from Indian Churches who attended the event. I hope that you introduced yourself and became acquainted with some of our members.

In two situations where churches are without pastors, the Committee on Ministry (COM) endorsed the service of a commissioned lay pastor from a neighboring church to administer the sacraments. This is an issue that the COM needs to keep active as its members consult with the sessions of reservation churches. There has been ongoing need at Lehi, Vah-Ki, Stotonic Chapel, Salt River, Leupp, Indian Wells, and Chinle.

If it is not possible for ministers to assist a church on Sunday mornings, I would advise the Presbytery to consult with the Indian Churches on the emerging leadership that is within their midst.

Three Navajo individuals are in various stages of the CLP preparation process. It isn't easy for them when they are so far away, committee members change regularly, and communication styles differ between cultures. Please pray for Sarah at Oljato, Calvin at Leupp, Patrick at Indian Wells. Also remember Sharon Selestewa who has completed the standard ordination exams. Others in preparation for pastoral leadership are Al Reams, Inquirer, who is taking time-off from his studies at Dubuque University and Randy Ruiz, who is enrolled in the CLP program that is conducted online by Dubuque Seminary.

A special thank-you to Rev. Martha Sadongei who took the COM responsibility for continuing education for pastors and CLP's. She coordinated the planning of a very successful Pastors' Study and Retreat event for those serving Indian Congregations. Participants included the following persons: Richard and Loretta Blackwater, Roger and Florence Davis, Norma McCabe, Martha Sadongei, Mary Jane Miles, Walter and Mary Danforth, and Sharon Selestewa.

The Easter Sunrise Service at Chinle was a joint service with the local Catholic Church. The lay leadership of the Chinle Trinity Presbyterian Church did well in coordinating their members' planning and participation in the communion service that was held later in their own church. I was glad to be a part of that day. Who will be available for Easter 2007 in Chinle and other churches without pastors?

The Synod of the Southwest Task Force completed its work of reviewing and assessing the Synod's ministry and the Native American voice was elicited, heard and appreciated in regard to regional ministry. Indian people have changed to become part of the church and so must the dominant church culture and way doing business. Glory to God.

Interim Associate Robert Lewis

I joined the Presbytery Staff in mid-October and over the past few months have become oriented to the responsibilities of this position. Currently I am working to carry out the tasks and responsibilities involved in supporting and assisting Indian Churches in their ministries on behalf of the Presbytery.

The commitment of the Presbytery to Native American Ministries is important and is reflected in its continuing support of this position.

My initial contacts and visits have been made to churches that have immediate matters and concerns that require attention or information. I have met with the sessions of Trinity Church in Chinle and the Ganado Church on different occasions. This has been done in conjunction with David Chin, Committee On Ministry (COM) Partner for the Navajo Nation Cluster of Churches. I have participated in meetings of the Pima-Maricopa Elders and Deacons Association including their Camp Meeting at Vah-Ki. This was the Centennial Year for this annual event. I will participate in the next meeting of the NAM Committee that will be at the Parker Valley Church in February.

Native American Churches have difficult challenges but continue to carry out their ministries with faith and dedication. The support and assistance in various forms that has come from churches and individuals is greatly appreciated and encouraging. These services strengthen the partnership that has been developing, to a greater extent in recent years. May all our ministries be blessed as we move into a new year in service to our Lord as faithful disciples.

Presbytery Moderator Rev. David Hodgson

I have truly enjoyed being your moderator this year and want to take this moment to tell you so. We set out together to celebrate our cultural diversity and theological variety; and along the way we prayed for each other, sang with each other, and developed our capacity for dialogue and discernment. We wove together our worship and our deliberations so closely that we could no longer distinguish between conversations which became devotional and communion celebrations which became motions to be acted upon.

I was ordained by the Presbyterian Church almost forty years ago, and as some of you may know, I have spent little more than half of that time laboring *outside the bounds* of our denomination. Therefore, no one was more surprised than I when I was invited to *come home* to the presbytery and was called by your election to serve. It has been an absolute joy and privilege for me to stand once more among the elders of the church, and to respond with you to the Lord's leadership among us.

You are all simply and profoundly beautiful!

Budget and Finance Committee

This committee serves to blend the strategy coming from the Planning Committee with the realities of churches in the Presbytery coming to terms with pledges and per capita. Going forward, the year 2007's provisional budget will be addressed as needed to reflect ongoing fiscal stewardship challenges. The Budget Committee appreciates the "care and tending" of monies used by the various committees of the Presbytery.

Mel Young, Chairperson

Evangelism and Church Development Committee

The Evangelism and Church Development Committee had a very active 2006 as we addressed various methods of developing and supporting programs that furthered the Presbytery's commitment to proclaim the Gospel and provide opportunities for Christian witness through New Church Development, Church Redevelopment (Transformation) and Evangelism. 2006 provided activities in all of these areas - the growth of existing New Church Developments, relocation of established churches, an increased emphasis upon Transformation programs, increases in Multicultural programs, a new look at implementing New Church Development, and plans for an emphasis upon evangelism for 2007.

We were actively involved in supporting the work of John Poling at Morning Star New Church Development as final plans were made for the location of the church facility. The congregation has continued to grow and hopes to charter in the near future.

Many members of the Committee and other representatives of churches throughout Arizona and New Mexico attended a Synod-sponsored workshop in February, which addressed mechanisms for New Church Developments. Two of our members attended separate New Church Development workshops during the summer.

Christ Church in Avondale and Crosswinds Church in north Phoenix, were in temporary quarters in 2006, but both are expecting the building process for their new facilities to begin during 2007.

The Strategic Planning Task Force on New Church Development issued their final report in 2006, entitled *God Is Out To Get You*, and immediately reorganized into the Strategic Action Task Force. This group has narrowed the list of potential sites and has begun the process of gathering statistics regarding the target areas.

In April a workshop was held for churches currently involved or beginning their involvement in the transformation program; there are currently seven churches actively working in the process. General Assembly and Grand Canyon Presbytery jointly provided Yarnell Presbyterian Church with a \$10,000 grant to be distributed over a twelve-month period for their activities.

The Multicultural Ministry of the Presbytery has been growing steadily. Five representatives attended the 2006 National Presbyterian Multicultural Conference, including a pre-workshop for Presbytery Team Training, in Orlando, Florida, in May. We learned much and were inspired by what is being done across the country in the areas of Multicultural Ministry and Evangelism. We were honored to have Raafat Girgis, Associate for Evangelism and Racial/Cultural Diversity, PC(USA) join us at the Presbytery Meeting in November for a presentation on multiculturalism. The Multicultural Task Force will be continuing its work in 2007.

At the December meeting the Committee established two new task groups for 2007 – one for Evangelism and the other to address Congregational Transformation programs. Along with this we will be reviewing the process of incorporating multicultural and self-forming fellowships into Presbytery life. ECDC is looking forward to a very busy and blessed New Year.

Grace Mossman, Chairperson

Presbytery of Grand Canyon Endowment Committee

The Endowment Fund was created in 2000, in an effort to provide long-term support for the financial needs of the presbytery. The aim of this fund is to receive and hold contributions and bequests with only the generated income being used for these purposes:

Native American, Hispanic, African American and Asian Ministries

New Church Development and Church Redevelopment

Presbytery Resources for Congregations

Other Appropriate Mission and Ministry

Because of ever reducing financial support from Synod and General Assembly our presbytery is attempting to become financially self-sustaining. As a result we need to generate more funds to offset this shortage of monies to manage our ministry and mission.

If we are to meet the ever increasing challenges for how we as a denomination shall engage in answering these needs in meaningful ways we must create new sources of income to respond faithfully.

Each of us is asked to seriously consider how we shall make our personal contribution to the ongoing work that the Presbytery of Grand Canyon is called upon to fulfill.

In 2005, the Presbytery approved a new guideline stating that any special/non-designated funds received by the Presbytery would have 10% of such monies placed in the Endowment Fund.

The Presbytery's Endowment Fund had grown from \$58,000 at the end of 2005 to \$67,000 at the end of 2006.

If you have questions please contact any member of the Endowment Committee:

2006 Committee Members

Jim Stull, Fran Park, Bob Lewis, Bernie Nord, Larry Jones, Shirley Randolph.

Committee on Ministry

According to the *Book of Order*, the Committee on Ministry (COM) is "to serve as pastor and counselor to the ministers and certified Christian educators of the presbytery, to facilitate the relations between congregations, ministers, and certified Christian educators, and the presbytery, and to settle difficulties on behalf of presbytery when possible and expedient." (G-11.0500)

In order to get that job done, the churches of the presbytery are divided into clusters, with seven or eight churches in each. In turn, two or three members of COM oversee each of those clusters. It is a big job!

The committee presented to presbytery compensation guidelines for congregations to assist them in structuring call packages for pastors. A *Sabbatical Leave Policy* was presented to presbytery at the November Presbytery Meeting as a first-reading, for its approval in 2007. And the membership sub-committee developed a *Continuing Membership and Validated Ministry Policy* which was approved by presbytery at its January 21, 2006 meeting.

In response to the amended Peace, Unity, and Purity report from General Assembly, the committee worked with the Theology and Worship Committee in establishing a task force to help the presbytery and its member churches discuss the implications of that report.

In 2006, several triennial visits were completed or scheduled for early 2007. Congregations were encouraged and guided in the process of calling pastors. In 2006, Horizon, Historic First, Mingus View and Palo Cristi have active PNCs and Pinnacle and Desert Hills are seeking associate pastors.

We celebrated with the following congregations who have called pastors: Orangewood (Kenneth Page), Alpine (Laura Joost-Kuhn), Betania (Derny Ramos) Valley (Ruth Reinhold, Associate), Trinity, Prescott (Duncan MacLeod, Associate), and Faith (David Van Arsdale). Installation commissions were approved for Ramos, Page, Joost-Kuhn, MacLeod and David Van Arsdale. Donald Williamson (HR) was received from Riverside Presbytery and John Borden (HR) was received from Heartland Presbytery.

The committee approved Interim Pastor calls for Orangewood (Robert Cassell), Faith (Deanne Hodgson, Associate; and Alice Geils Nord, Associate), Emmanuel (Mary Saylor), and Chandler (Larry Eaken).

Stated Supply agreements were approved between: Mingus View and Jerry Miller; Central and Martha Sadongei; Celebration of Life and Michelle Moe; and Mingus View and Lloyd Evans.

Commissioned Lay Pastor contracts were renewed for Roger Davis (Ft. Defiance), Danny Halwood (Canyon Presbyterian Church a Chapel of Chinle), Reginald Ragland (Southminster), Walter and Mary Danforth (Parker Valley).

Pastoral relationships were dissolved between Verde Valley and Kyle Weir; John Flahiff and Church of the Master.

We celebrated the retirement of Ed Spence, David Hodgson, Robert Cassell and Jerry Miller. In addition the title of Honorably Retired was also conferred upon Caleb Johnson, John Sabbagh, Kwang Cheol Kim, and Eugene Wright.

We also approved, with regret, the call of Judy Wellington to serve as Associate Pastor at La Mesa Presbyterian Church in Albuquerque, NM after her years of faithful service as this presbytery's Associate Executive for Native American Ministries. She will be greatly missed. Elder Bob Lewis has stepped in as Interim Associate.

Membership transfers were approved for Howard Rice to the Presbytery of San Gabriel; Harvey Moore (HR) to Grace Presbytery; Robert Cassell to Los Ranchos Presbytery, Jim Longstreet to Tres Rios Presbytery, Jerry Foust to Santa Fe Presbytery and Andrew Jarvis (HR) to Presbytery of San Gabriel and Judy Wellington to Santa Fe Presbytery.

We celebrated the lives of Richard Lupke, Anthony Reif and Larry Manross.

The committee could not function without the help of the presbytery staff and our thanks and appreciation go out to Ken, Dick, José, Judy, Bob, Marcia and Linda.

Committee members work long and hard on your behalf. And because of that work the ministry of the presbytery is enhanced and strengthened.

Theron Palmer, Chairperson

Committee on Native American Ministries

The Native American Ministries Committee met four times this year, at Cook School for Christian Leadership, Kayenta Presbyterian Church, Flagstaff Federated, and Salt River Presbyterian Church. Two meetings were deemed informational meetings as we did not have a quorum present. Two presentations that drew great interest were on Cook School for Christian Leadership and Paul Harding's Stewardship presentation.

In March 2006, the Chairwoman accompanied Rev. Judy Wellington, Associate for Native American Ministries to visit Kayenta Church and Chapels Oljata and Dennehotso. Visitation brought forth such need to get one person properly trained as a CLP and to find a solution for a safe, healthy, environmentally sound building in which to conduct worship services. This was addressed in comment at a Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Grand Canyon.

Committee Actions this year:

- Four scholarships awarded
- Monetary support for nine members of the Chinle Church to attend Big Event
- Monetary support for retreat at Cook School for Christian Leadership for Native American Pastors, CLPs and Elders

Challenges:

- Budget caps to Native American Churches
- Climatic and geographic problems in attending meetings
- Loss of Associate Executive for Native American Ministries

Sadly this year, the Committee has not been able to fully achieve the charge of support, representation and advocacy on behalf of its eighteen member churches. There are always the faithful who attend every meeting, but when a few make decisions for the whole, it is not true representation. We pray this year for more cohesiveness and understanding in the work entrusted to us as members of Native American Ministries Committee.

Janet Andrews, Chairperson

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee shall nominate persons to fill all vacancies on continuing committees (except the Nominating Committee), councils, boards, and other bodies that require election by the presbytery or synod. G-9.0801

Committee memberships representational of the people in our presbytery should include 1/3 ministers, 1/3 laymen and 1/3 laywomen. The Committee on Ministry, Committee on Preparation for Ministry, and the Permanent Judicial Commission require the laypersons to be ordained elders. Age, ethnicity, geographic location, and physical challenges are other inclusions considered. This same balance is also sought in finding candidates for commissioners to the General Assembly and Synod.

A joint annual meeting with the Committee on Representation considers our presbytery's make-up and encourages more inclusiveness of our churches and members.

We have filled vacancies that occur during the year as well as filling the new classes for each committee of the PGC.

Each member of the Nominating Committee has several assignments of committees. Ongoing communication with the chairs of those committees to discover needs and to seek out potential members, chairs and vice-chairs is important. It is also vitally important to obtain the names of people who are willing to serve from churches around the presbytery. Committee members were assigned areas to work in calling churches to develop additional names.

The Nominations Committee is staffed by Presbytery Executive, Rev. Ken Moe and our Stated Clerk, Dick Coffelt. Committee members: Rev. Ralph Meredith (Chair), Cindy Michels (Vice Chair), Mickey Jones, Rev. Karen Muenich, Rev. Tom Parker, Dale Baker and Dick Carpenter.

Committee on Preparation for Ministry

This committee consists of dedicated members, elders and clergy, who have served diligently and faithfully to guide students toward becoming Ministers of Word and Sacrament.

The tasks and activities of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM) are done within the context of a covenant relationship that involves the individual, the home church, and the presbytery. The committee's major activity was that of conducting annual interviews with Inquirers and Candidates under its care as well as interviewing new applicants who were interested in becoming Inquirers. The CPM also interviewed Inquirers who were ready to move to the Candidacy phase of their preparation process.

In 2006 Chris and Rebecca Harrison (from Heritage Church) were received as Inquirers.

Six Inquirers advanced to Candidacy status: Linda Bailey (Valley PC), William Good (Mountain View PC), William Norton (Scottsdale PC), Ayana Harris-Teeter (Southminster PC), Brandon Willett (Flagstaff Federated Community PC) and Kristin Willett (Mountain View PC).

We received one transfer, Kathryn Schafer (Pinnacle PC). One Inquirer was withdrawn from the covenant relationship. Jon Heeringa (Valley) was ordained (on our behalf) as a Minister of Word and Sacrament on December 6, by Plains and Peaks Presbytery and Installed as Associate Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Ft. Collins.

At the end of 2006 there were nine Inquirers and fourteen Candidates under the care and supervision of the CPM. A CPM liaison is assigned to each Inquirer and Candidate for the purpose of providing support and assistance and maintaining communications with the committee.

The CPM also continues its work with the commissioned lay pastors through the joint CLP Sub-Committee that is a task group composed of representatives from the Committee on Ministry and the CPM. Graham Walker of the CPM is the chair of the CLP Sub-Committee. Its responsibilities include interviewing persons seeking to become commissioned lay pastors as part of the process for determining their readiness for commissioning and recommendation to the Committee on Ministry.

Pat Baxter, Chairperson



Presbyterian Women of Grand Canyon Presbytery

Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery (PWP) has had a busy year fulfilling our purpose of committing ourselves to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible Study, to support the mission of the church worldwide, to work for justice and peace, and to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (USA) and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.

We promote the use of the Bible Study furnished us by *Horizons*, the official publication of PW. Most of our churches use the study and this year's (2006-2007) is titled "In the Beginning—Perspectives on Genesis."

We support the mission of the church worldwide by pledging to the work of the PC(USA). Our gifts are directed through Presbyterian Women Churchwide which provides over 10% of the mission budget of the greater church. We also participate in two special offerings each year. The Birthday Offering supports up to five predetermined mission projects and the Thank Offering is used for a number of smaller projects. At least 40% of the Thank Offering is used to support Health Ministries. PW's Together in Service mission program supports "hands-on" national and overseas projects. Many of our churches have direct relationship with our Native American sisters and help fulfill their many needs. Also, most churches have local mission projects which they support.

Twice each year we have a presbytery-wide Gathering. These Gatherings bring the women together for worship, education and fellowship. In March our Gathering theme was "Mission, Home and Abroad". We learned of different mission work being done in this Presbytery and many of the churches represented brought displays of some of their projects. This fall our Gathering theme was "Lord, Teach Me to Pray". This retreat type gathering explored the use of mandelas in prayer, the prayer shawl ministry, the prayers of Jesus and Is it all right to cry out to God?

We strive to build community by supporting Church Women United, the Fellowship of the Least Coin and interdenominational programs such as peacemaking and hunger. We make every effort to be an inclusive community. Through our Leadership Enhancement Training, which we provide each year, we train new leaders and continue to promote their participation in Presbyterian Women.

2006 was the year of the Triennial Churchwide Gathering. Sixty women from Grand Canyon Presbytery and a total of 130 women from the Synod of the Southwest found their way to Louisville for this most inspiring five day event. We were all thrilled to worship, learn and fellowship with 3,000 other Presbyterian Women.

We feel that all the activities of Presbyterian Women help to build community, strengthen the Presbyterian Church (USA), and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.

Kay Harding, Moderator

Committee on Representation

The purpose of the Committee on Representation is to work toward inclusiveness in the life and work of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon. To this end the committee is to:

- meet with the Nominations Committee to advise and report statistics
- consult with racial ethnic committees and churches
- advocate for the representation of racial ethnic members, women, various age categories, and people with disabilities.

Meetings

The committee meets on the first Saturday of even months. In 2006 we met at the presbytery office in the Interchurch Center.

Budget

The committee uses its funds for travel expenses, conferences and lunch reimbursement where lunch at meetings has been provided.

Issues and Actions during 2006

The committee met with members of the Nominations Committee in April. We have worked together to help make presbytery committees more truly representative of our presbytery.

In March committee members met with the chair of the Theology and Worship Committee to discuss ways to make presbytery worship more inclusive. There has been a signer for worship several times, and we have tried to make worship easier for those with visual impairments and other disabilities.

At the Big Event in February two committee members spoke at the Officer Training workshop, asking elders to consider the disabled when looking for volunteers and people to be on committees or serve as elders/deacons.

The committee has endeavored to have a display table at presbytery meetings; the display has included books on inclusive worship and other study materials.

The committee is working with the Multicultural Task Force to lift up and celebrate the diversity in our presbytery.

Barbara Farwell, Chairperson

Social Justice & Peacemaking Committee

The Social Justice and Peacemaking Committee highlighted their year by sponsoring a trip in July to D'Iberville, Mississippi to assist the *Presbyterian Disaster Assistance* program of the Presbyterian Church (USA) in their ongoing efforts to help with the reconstruction needed following hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Three congregations of the Presbytery sent members to be a part of this crew. Additionally, other congregations of Grand Canyon Presbytery are sending work crews of their own throughout the year. PDA reminds us that directing mission groups to the southeastern United States to assist in this ongoing work would be most helpful and appropriate in the coming years since they have made a seven year commitment of financial and human resources and 2007 is only year two.

We continue to provide leadership for our congregations to take action with regard to hunger through our *Hunger Action Enabler* Sue Stevenson and our support of WHEAT through executive director Tamara Zivic, peacemaking through the annual *Peacemaking Offering* and our *Peacemaking Enabler* Cindy Michels, for our environment as we care for what God has created under our *Renewing Creation Enabler* David Sholin, for worker support through the *Interfaith Worker Justice* program headed by the Rev. Trina Zelle, and in support of those who need to restore the peace of their own and family life as they struggle with addiction through PAADA (Presbyterian Alcohol and Drug Addiction) as Ellie Schafer provides leadership.

We welcome congregations with a passion for these and other programs to let the Nominating Committee know if they would like to have a member of their faith community become a part of this significant committee of our Presbytery.

Art Campbell, Chairperson

Stewardship, Mission and Communications Development Committee

2006 represented a year of transition and change for SMCD. While the previous year saw members of the presbytery on mission tours and the trip to Africa, 2006 represented a year of reexamination of our goals and objectives. We came to realize that because the situation in the Presbytery of Grand Canyon is rapidly changing, we also need to change and redirect our efforts for the future. The committee covers a broad range of responsibilities, and we are learning new ways to approach each of those tasks.

Communications is a significant part of our responsibility; so we spent a good bit of time talking about how we can better communicate the mission of our presbytery. We are studying ways to use our Website, e-mail and Internet opportunities, along with revisions of some of our media presentations as ways to improve communication with our churches. Planning is still being done in this arena, and we are hopeful that 2007 will bring some major changes in our way of sharing information. A significant accomplishment in that area is the initial plans to hire a part-time consultant to assist us with communications development and funds development. We will be pursuing that in early 2007.

The mission of the Presbytery is a significant portion of our portfolio as well. Part of our time was spent monitoring the mission pledges of our churches and encouraging all of our churches to be partners in support of the larger mission of the Presbyterian Church. We will continue to do follow up of that kind, along with our interpretation work in the New Year. With the decreasing funds from GA Mission partnership funds, we know that we have a great responsibility to work together to further the work of our Presbytery. We will be working hard in the coming years to close the gap between our budget and our resources, which come from our congregations.

Part of our responsibility is to interpret the work of the Presbytery. To assist with that, we had several workshops at the Big Event, had a mission tour of Hispanic mission work in the Metro Phoenix area, and provided assistance for a tour to Native American churches.

A significant, continuing part of our work is the Africa Task Force, made up of persons who have traveled to Africa recently. To assist with our goal of building a more concrete partnership with our PC(USA) ministry in Tete Province, Mozambique, we invited Bill Warlick to do a consultation with us and help us in our planning. Out of that planning, we are moving forward with our goals to have at least two people from the Presbytery travel to that region in 2007, possibly have Sebber Banda, the health care worker in Mozambique, come to visit with us, and perhaps have an additional delegation travel to the region in Fall of 2007. The task force also raised over \$10,000 for the ministry there, and will seek to step up the fund-raising for that region through visits to churches and gifts of individuals.

We continue to be grateful for the faithful support of our congregations to the overall ministry of the Presbyterian Church, and we welcome your ideas about how we can make that ministry more effective. All of our churches deserve special recognition and thanks for your individual mission work and the support to the PC(USA).

A special thanks to Vice Chair, Phil Gates, who provided valuable guidance and support to the Chair, and to all the committee members for their faithful support throughout the year. We look forward to an eventful, but challenging New Year. We pray for the support and wisdom of God's Spirit and the Presbytery as we take the next steps in this ministry together.

Edward Spence, Chairperson

Theology and Worship Committee

The Theology & Worship Committee had a busy year in 2006. We were very pleased with the presbytery's reaction to the shift from worship within a presbytery meeting to the whole presbytery gathering for worship during which the business of the church occurred.

In January, outgoing moderator Elder Cecil Patterson preached to the Presbytery at Mission del Sol Church, as we celebrated the life of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

In March, we celebrated God with materials from the Celtic tradition. The Rev. Dr. Marian McClure came from the denominational headquarters to bring God's message to the Presbytery at Gilbert Church, and to speak on the national church's world mission.

The Presbytery met in June at the Arizona Korean Church, celebrating the anniversaries of women's ordination (100th for Deacons, 75th for Elders, and 50th for Ministers of Word and Sacrament). Rev. Beverly Philips shared the Word brought through the history of women in the Church, and Rev. Seuk Min Song's congregation provided an amazing experience for us.

In September, the two-day Presbytery meeting at Community Church in Pinetop was blessed to hear reflections from the Rev. Mac Schafer, illustrated by a troupe of clowns who pantomimed for us both days.

The last meeting of the year was held in November at the Cook School for Christian Leadership, and the Word was brought to us through a dance-interpreted talk by Executive Presbyter Rev. Ken Moe and Rev. Shelly Moe. The Rev. Raafat Girgis, from the PC(USA), came to speak about multiculturalism in the congregations. We are grateful for the many members of the Cook School community who helped us with worship that day.

In 2006, the Committee included Rev. Doug Baer, Rev. Deanne Hodgson, Rev. Cynthia Jennison, Elder Glyndon Morris, Rev. Peggy Roberts, Rev. Roland Rosson and Elder Linda Worsnop.

Glyndon Morris, Chairperson

Women's Ministries Committee

The Women's Ministries Committee had a busy and active year. We had members attend organizational meetings and support Phoenix starting a branch of Interfaith Worker Justice, which is now staffed locally by the Rev. Trina Zelle.

In April, we held our Women's Retreat, with a theme of "Developing or Renewing Your Personal Leadership Style", to support our charge as a committee to support the leadership growth and development of women in our Presbytery. Leadership at the retreat was offered by Georgia Greene, the Rev. Beverly Phillips, and Starr Luteri.

In June, we honored the anniversaries of women's ordination as Deacon, Elders, and Ministers of the Word and Sacrament during worship at the Presbytery meeting, which was held at the Arizona Korean Presbyterian church. The Rev. Beverly Phillips offered the sermon, and women of the Arizona Korean Presbyterian Church assisted in serving communion. All women present at the meeting who had been ordained as deacon, elder or minister, were gifted with a scarf decorated with an image of the Grand Canyon Presbytery cross.

Committee member Joan Fenton continues to offer workshops and training around domestic violence issues to all churches in the Presbytery. During 2006, she assisted Rev. Judy Wellington in some sessions at Cook School's Winter session. Joan is currently serving on the national leadership team of the Presbyterians Against Domestic Violence network of PHEWA.

I thank all the members of my committee for their work over the past year. It has been my honor and privilege to serve on this committee over the past six years, and to serve as its chair for the last two years.

Amy Davis King
Women's Ministries Committee Chairperson

Personnel Committee

In addition to staff performance reviews and evaluations, this year the Personnel Committee reviewed in depth the positions and performance of The Associate Executive Presbyter for Native American Ministries, Rev. Judy Wellington; Office Manager, Marcia McCabe; and Accounting Coordinator, Paul Frieling.

For these reviews survey questions were developed and circulated to a sampling of persons within the Presbytery providing data to assist in these evaluations. We were pleased with the positive expressions of support and appreciation for the work of these dedicated staff individuals.

For the Position of Associate Executive Presbyter for Native American Ministries 123 surveys were mailed with 39 responses, representing a 32% return. Individuals who were directly related in interaction with Rev. Judy Wellington, as well as others who were in position to observe and evaluate her performance were included in this mailing. The responses were all positive expressing great appreciation for Judy's active participation in Native American Ministries, encouraging and supporting leadership development, clarifying the policies and position of Presbytery in relation to this Ministry, and helping leaders in the Presbytery better understand the differences between the two cultures and enhancing working relationships. Judy was recognized with a demonstration of appreciation at the Presbytery meeting in September before leaving to accept a call as Associate Pastor at La Mesa Presbyterian Church in Albuquerque.

For the Office Manager position 243 surveys were mailed to individuals who had interactions with Marcia McCabe. Ninety-five surveys were returned representing a 39% response. Feedback was strongly positive, with a few suggesting areas where minor improvement might be helpful. Respondents expressed appreciation for her helpful, friendly response to questions and concerns. Marcia was found to be accessible, courteous, and professional in the performance of her duties as office manager.

For the Accounting Coordinator position 70 surveys were mailed. We received 30 responses, representing a 42% return. Respondents expressed appreciation for Paul's helpful attention to detail, accurate financial reports, and willingness to answer and clarify questions. Twelve respondents reported no contact with Paul Frieling.

In September, responding to the resignation of Judy Wellington, the Personnel Committee acted to recruit someone as Interim for this position in the Native American Ministries program. In consultation with Ken Moe, Judy Wellington, and with input from the Native American Ministries Committee, Robert Lewis was approached to serve in this capacity. We were pleased with his acceptance of this challenge and he began serving in this position in October. A search committee has been developed and is seeking a permanent replacement for this vital position in our Presbytery.

In September the annual staff performance reviews were conducted along with review and updating of job descriptions. Questions were submitted to each staff member relative to their goals and accomplishments and relative to duties related to their job descriptions. The staff members continue to function well together, supporting and cooperating to maintain the smooth functioning of the Presbytery Office. Individually they expressed enjoyment in their work with appreciation of the congenial environment in the office

In October the Personnel Committee hosted a Dessert Social for the Presbytery staff with Moderator, Rev. David Hodgson sharing in our thanks and appreciation for their dedication and excellent performance in the service of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon.

Members of the committee for this year were: Rev. Robert Simmons, Jody Hodahkwen, Reginald Ragland, Rev. Gayle Parker, David Daehler, Chairperson.

Montlure Camping Council

Montlure Presbyterian Church Camp is a beautiful place in the White Mountains of Arizona for all to find and grow their faith in Jesus Christ.

Montlure Camp has served generations of Arizona Presbyterians since its inception in 1926 and resides on thirteen acres of National Forest land in Greer at 8,500 feet on the north bank of the Little Colorado River. Snow covers the area in winter. Facilities include eight bunk cabins, fully equipped male and female bathhouses including hot showers, a lodge/dining room supported by a commercial-grade kitchen, an administration building, a medical building, a recreation and indoor worship barn, two ramadas, a large field for sports, an outdoor chapel, and a residence for our year-round camp managers.

Montlure is jointly owned by the Presbyteries of Grand Canyon and de Cristo; and funding is dependent upon the pledges of churches and individuals, off-season rentals, and summer camp fees. Nominees from the two presbyteries form the Montlure Camping Council which governs the camp, and volunteers serve as camp directors, chaplains, counselors and maintenance workers.

The key elements of our ministry are:

A **Christ-centered camping** program of the highest quality.

An environment where camp counselors and directors are **nurtured** as **future leaders** of the Church.

A forum for establishing and developing strong **connections between churches** of the Presbyteries of Grand Canyon and de Cristo.

A ministry that **complements** the **Christian Education** programs of our constituent churches

A **theology** rooted in the essential tenets of the **Reformed** Faith as expressed in the creeds and confessions of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Creative **stewardship of our site and facilities** making continual improvements while respectful of what has been passed on to us by previous generations.

Sound fiscal and organizational **management**, including an off-season rental program for families, churches and other compatible groups.

The Montlure ministry is thriving and growing in many areas. Of note:

456 campers, grades 4 through 12, attended our 7 summer camps in 2006.

Campers came from 60 churches across Arizona, and beyond.

95 Christian leaders from churches across Arizona served as Directors, Chaplains or Counselors.

We have built the infrastructure that ensures every camp we run is of high quality both spiritually and organizationally.

We have outstanding camp managers in Lee and Anchel Kenney who live on site. We passed our national American Camp Association accreditation this summer with a score of 100% (with no noted exceptions), confirming that our site operation is in excellent shape and our operations are in accordance with the highest national standards.

(Our first APEX camp for the post-high-school generation was held January 4-7, 2007 and was very well received.)

Our sponsoring churches and presbyteries can be very proud of Montlure, and all who desire to advance the cause of Christian Education are encouraged to actively participate in the ministry. For camp dates, application forms and other information, check our Website www.montlure.org. Please contact Peter Flynn, Council President, at 602-852-0418 with any questions regarding the Montlure ministry.

