

CONSENT AGENDA
JUNE 9, 2007 STATED PRESBYTERY MEETING
PRESBYTERY OF GRAND CANYON

The Consent Agenda includes the Report of the Council's May 3, 2007 Meeting, the Report of the Committee on Ministry, and the Report of the Stated Clerk. Before the vote of approval is taken, any presbyter has the right to request that an item be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion of the item(s) removed.

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June 9, 2007 Stated Presbytery Meeting

I. COUNCIL REPORT TO PRESBYTERY

Report of the May 3, 2007 Meeting of Council/Trustees

The Council of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon met for its Stated May Meeting at the Interchurch Center, Phoenix beginning at 12:00 PM. A quorum was present. After asking for prayer requests Rev. David Hodgson opened the meeting with prayer. He highlighted the commitment of time that members of Council make with each other and said that to the extent it is possible he would appreciate beginning meetings promptly at noon and ending by 2:00 PM. Pat Schindler was welcomed and there was an opportunity for introductions around the table.

COUNCIL/TRUSTEES

With the addition of Jim Stull to the list of voting members present, the Minutes of the March 1, 2007 Meeting of Council/Trustees were APPROVED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PRESBYTERY'S MARCH STATED MEETING

Acting on its delegated authority, the Presbytery Council APPROVED the Minutes of the March 16-17, 2007 Stated Meeting of Presbytery with one correction in attendance (Rev. Larry Corbett was excused).

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Shirley Randolph reviewed the Financial Report as of April 30, 2007 which reflected a year-to-date income of \$497,102.18 and expense of \$435,416.35 resulting in a difference of \$61,685.83. She also called attention to the report of Mission Pledges.

Audit Report Received

It was reported that the Audited Statement from Henry and Horne, P.L.C. has been received for the year ending December 31, 2006. Upon Motion of Council, the report will be made a part of the June 9, 2007 Presbytery Minutes. (The audit report will not appear on the online version of the minutes as they are not available in PDF [Adobe Acrobat] format, but will be available on request at the Presbytery Office.

Council recessed. Trustees' Meeting was convened.

TRUSTEE ITEMS

Navajo Missions, Inc.

On recommendation of the Property Committee and the concurrence of the Evangelism and Church Development Committee, Trustees APPROVED authorization for Navajo Missions, Inc, to clean and repair and operate religious activities at the Cornfields Mission property during the summer of 2007.

Maricopa County Probation Department

On recommendation of the Property Committee, Trustees APPROVED the expenditure of approximately \$2500 to provide materials to replace the roof on the house and garage which are leased to the Maricopa County Probation Department, and the expenditure of approximately \$400 to provide block and footing cement to build a block wall between the property and the alley at the back of the property they lease from the Presbytery location at 1224 W. Virginia, Phoenix.

The Trustees meeting was adjourned. Council reconvened.

EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER'S REPORT

One Great Hour of Sharing

So far this year churches in our presbytery have contributed \$32,843.40 to One Great Hour of Sharing. That is the category of mission giving that puts our presbytery in the top twenty of mission giving.

Christ Church

Christ Church has broken ground for their property in Goodyear.

Financial Audit

As reported, the results of the Financial Audit were positive. However, in this era of security concerns, the auditors recommended two actions:

1. To create a credit card policy for those of us who have credit cards, regarding authorization and receipts; 2. Do a fraud risk assessment. Ken proposed that the Council appoint a task force to make recommendations to Council regarding those recommendations; and that the Council Chair, Rev. David Hodgson make the appointments. After opportunity for discussion, Council APPROVED the appointment of such a task force.

Ganado Administrative Commission

Ken referred to the written report of the Ganado Administrative Commission that was distributed in the Council packets for this meeting. In the course of their travel and work, the Commission is generating some administrative expenses.

The following MOTION was made:

That the Council grant a budget line item for 2007 in the amount of \$5,000 for the Ganado Administrative Commission; and to grant approval to the Ganado Administrative Commission to draw upon line items: 22360 and 22361 in restricted funds in accordance with any restrictions that be so noted in the giving of those funds. After opportunity for discussion, the MOTION was APPROVED.

STATED CLERK'S REPORT

On recommendation of the Bills and Overtures Committee, the Presbytery of Grand Canyon APPROVED that at its March 16-17, 2007 Stated Meeting the Presbytery consider the Overture from the Session of the Kingman Presbyterian Church, received as an item of New Business at its January 20, 2007 Annual Meeting, informally by engaging in a structured process of Mutual Invitation and Dialogue for at least both the March 16-17, 2007 and the June 9, 2007 Stated Meetings.

The Kingman Overture reads as follows:

“The Kingman Presbyterian Church’s session, having unanimously adopted this standard on November 30, 2006, present this overture to the Presbytery of Grand Canyon at the stated meeting of January 20, 2007 to adopt the following resolution:

“In its discernment of the essentials of Reformed polity and for the sake of the peace, unity, and purity of the church, the Presbytery of Grand Canyon adopts the principle that compliance with the standard for ordination adopted by the whole church in the Book of Order is an essential of Reformed polity. Therefore, any departure from the standards for ordination expressed in the Book of Order will bar a candidate from ordination and/or installation by this governing body. Provisions of the Book of Order are signified as being standards by use of the term ‘shall’, is/are to be, ‘requirement,’ or equivalent expression.”

The *standards* for ordination have not changed. Everyone agrees on that. Therefore, presbyteries and sessions still have the authority to use those *standards* as requirements that preclude the ordination of those not in compliance with the express standards of the *Book of Order* and the *Book of Confessions*. To ensure that these standards continue to be effective boundaries, we prayerfully ask that Presbytery of Grand Canyon consider adopting this resolution.

On April 1st, David Hodgson, Woody Garvin and Dick Coffelt met with the members of the Session of First Presbyterian Church, Mesa as a result of their January 30, 2007 letter to the Council in which ended as follows: “We charge the Presbytery to work diligently toward reversing Recommendation Five of the PUP decision at every opportunity.”

Both the Kingman Overture and the request of the Session of First Presbyterian Church, Mesa relate specifically to the action of the 217th General Assembly when it adopted Recommendation #6 and AMENDED Recommendation #5 of The Report of the Theological Task Force on Peace, Unity and

Purity. There continues to be considerable misunderstanding and misquoting of what the 217th General Assembly actually did with the Task Force Report and specifically the Authoritative Interpretation contained in **AMENDED** Recommendation #5. This is clearly evident in the remarks made during the feedback sessions of the small group discussions at the March Presbytery Meeting.

If there are to be meaningful further discussions on the Kingman Overture and on whether the Constitutional Standards have changed or not he believes further attempts must be made to clarify these matters.

Included with the Stated Clerk's written report were two documents which attempted to put these matters into perspective:

- An article that Dick had prepared titled: "Are We Dealing with the Fear of or the Plain Text of Amended Recommendation Five of the Report of the Theological Task Force on Peace, Unity and Purity?" (Included in this report)
- Constitutional Musing #11 Examining Officers from Constitutional Services of the Office of the General Assembly (available on the PCUSA Website at <http://www.pcusa.org/constitutionalservices/musings/note11.pdf>)

Are We Dealing with the Fear of or the Plain Text of Amended Recommendation Five of The Report of the Theological Task Force on Peace, Unity and Purity?

Dick Coffelt – Stated Clerk, Grand Canyon Presbytery

G-6.0106b of the *Book of Order*, adopted by the General Assembly and a majority of the presbyteries in 1997 says:

Those who are called to this office in the church are to lead a life in obedience to Scripture and in conformity to the historic confessional standards of the church. Among these standards is the requirement to live either in fidelity within the covenant of marriage of a man and a woman (W-4.9001), or chastity in singleness. Persons refusing to repent of any self-acknowledged practice which the Confessions call sin shall not be ordained and/or installed as deacons, elders, or ministers of the Word and Sacrament.

G-6.0106b makes clear a rule against ordaining practicing homosexuals that went back to the "definitive guidance" statements adopted in the late 1970s by the old northern and southern Presbyterian Churches, the UPCUSA and the PCUS. Both denominations proclaimed that the Bible clearly condemned homosexual practice as a sin, and therefore could not ordain church officers – ministers or elders. At the same time, both denominations proclaimed that hate or discrimination against homosexuals, in the church and in civil society, was also a sin. When the two denominations united in 1983 to create the current PC (USA), the church reaffirmed the old standard. Practicing homosexuals could not be ordained in the church.

The chastity and fidelity rule, G-6.0106b, does not mention sexual orientation at all. It applies equally to people of all sexual orientations. There have been many more cases of heterosexual officers violating the fidelity and chastity rules than of homosexuals attempting to challenge them. The church does not normally pry into just how chaste its officers are, unless the violations are flagrant and hurtful. It is likely that some ministers and elders will be engaged in sexual sin at any given time. The church does not condone this sin, but rather works pastorally to try help violators to repent and sin no more.

Did the Peace, Unity and Purity report change the church's ordination standards? No

The report had two recommendations that touch on this question. One was Recommendation Six, which asked the General Assembly:

... to approve no additional authoritative interpretations, to remove no existing authoritative interpretations, and to send to the presbyteries no proposed constitutional amendments that would have the effect of changing denominational policy on any of the major issues in the task force's report, including Christology, biblical interpretation, essential tenets, and sexuality and ordination.

This recommendation was adopted by the Assembly. The current constitution remains in effect unchanged.

The second recommendation was Recommendation Five. The Assembly did not change the constitution, but adopted an Authoritative Interpretation (AI) of it. The critical provision of the AI says that the bodies that ordain and install church officers – the session for elders, and the presbytery for ministers – must apply the constitutional standards to potential officers. They must determine two things:

- (1) Whether a candidate being examined for ordination and/or installation as elder, deacon, or minister of Word and Sacrament has departed from scriptural and constitutional standards for fitness for office,
- (2) Whether any departure constitutes a failure to adhere to the essentials of Reformed faith and polity under G-6.0108 of the *Book of Order*, thus barring the candidate from ordination and/or installation.

Some say that nothing has changed. The constitutional standards are the same, and those standards clearly bar practicing homosexuals from being ordained in the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Others read Recommendation Five as allowing a "local option" for ordaining bodies. Some hope, and others fear, that this part of the AI lets sessions and presbyteries hear the "scruples" of potential officers about any and all parts of the constitution. If the local body decides that the scruple does not concern an essential of Reformed faith and polity, then the elder or minister could be ordained or installed.

What is a scruple?

"Scruple" is a term used in one of the Presbyterian Church (USA)'s oldest standards, the Adopting Act of 1729. The Adopting Act standard assumes that all officers agree with the entire constitution of the church – the *Book of Confessions* and the *Book of Order*. If potential elders or ministers thought that, in good conscience, they were not sure their understanding of the constitution was the same as the church's, they would explain their conscientious scruple. The ordaining body would then look at the constitution, consider the scruple, and decide whether there was any conflict.

A bit of history on this matter. The Westminster Confession, one of the core elements of the *Book of Confessions*, seemed to say that if an infant died and it was not predestined to be among the elect, the infant's soul would be damned. As the Presbyterian consciences grew more tender about the souls of infants in the Victorian era, some potential officers had scruples about adopting the church's confession if it really contained this dire implication. The Adopting Act let ordaining bodies decide whether this scruple really did conflict with the constitution at all, or in any respect essential to the Reformed faith. This particular problem grew so serious that in the early 20th century the church amended the Westminster Confession itself with a Declaratory Statement that there were no dead infants whose souls were damned.

So, can you scruple the ban on homosexual practice and still be ordained? No

The ban on ordaining practicing homosexuals is one of the clearest and most tested sections of the church's constitution. Several attempts have been made to amend the constitution to delete G-6.0106b, most recently at the 2006 General Assembly. All such attempts failed, and by increasing margins.

It is important to keep in mind, though, that the chastity and fidelity provision sets a rule about behavior, not about belief. An officer of the church might well have a scruple about the *idea* of whether "the requirement to live either in fidelity within the covenant of marriage of a man and a woman, or chastity in

singleness" is really an essential tenet of Reformed faith. As long as that officer agreed to abide by the rule in practice, the presbytery or session might well accept the scruple and ordain or install him or her.

We know by repeated votes of the presbyteries, and by survey data on members, elders, and ministers, that most Presbyterians and most churches and presbyteries support the constitution as it is. However, a few congregations, and even a handful of presbyteries, have gone on record as opposing the church's ban on ordaining practicing homosexuals – and the related ban on performing same-sex marriages.

It may well be inevitable that some governing body will publicly ordain a practicing homosexual elder in deliberate defiance of the ban in order to produce a test case for the church courts.

So, suppose a minister or elder does get ordained, who publicly proclaimed that he or she did not think homosexual practice was a sin, intended to engage in such practice, and contended that the chastity and fidelity rule was not essential to Reformed faith and policy. Does that end the matter? Does PUP mean local option?

No, because of another important part of Recommendation Five. Each of the bodies above the local congregation's session has a Permanent Judicial Commission. If a governing body or church officer is charged with wrongdoing under church law, these PJC's can hear the case. The decisions of the lower PJC's can be appealed to the higher ones, and usually are. So if an officer were ordained or installed in apparent violation of G-6.0106b, a case could be brought against the ordaining and installing body. The presbytery PJC would likely hear the case first, though their decision might well be appealed.

The original PUP recommendation included this protection of judicial review in its Authoritative Interpretation of the constitution.

Whether the ordaining/installing body has conducted its examination reasonably, responsibly, prayerfully, and deliberately in deciding to ordain a candidate for church office is subject to review by higher governing bodies.

There was a debate at the General Assembly about whether this provision meant that judicial review only covered the process of a lower body's actions, or whether the higher court could review the substance of the decision, too. To make clear that ordaining and installing bodies had to follow the substance of the constitution, the General Assembly added a clause, so that the AI as finally adopted reads (new section in **bold**):

Whether the examination and ordination and installation decision comply with the Constitution of the PC(USA), and whether the ordaining/installing body has conducted its examination reasonably, responsibly, prayerfully, and deliberately in deciding to ordain a candidate for church office is subject to review by higher governing bodies.

In other words, the church courts can review whether an ordination or installation complies with the substance of the constitution – including the chastity and fidelity rule.

So Are We Dealing with the Fear of or the Plain Text of Amended Recommendation Five of The Report of the Theological Task Force on Peace, Unity and Purity?

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The above article "Are We Dealing with the Fear of or the Plain Text of Amended Recommendation Five of the Report of the Theological Task Force on Peace, Unity and Purity?" is an adaptation by Dick Coffelt of a pre-publication version of a more extensive article to be published (and copyrighted accordingly) by The Presbyterian Outlook written by William J. "Beau" Weston, N.E.H. Associate Professor of Sociology, at Centre College, entitled "Can Practicing Homosexuals Now Be Ordained in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)". Permission for this adaptation was granted by Beau Weston.

Council Discussion of the Stated Clerk Report

After opportunity for discussion on the need for greater clarity on the action of the 217th General Assembly (2006) in approving Amended Recommendation Five of the Report of the Theological Task Force on Peace, Unity and Purity, Council APPROVED the following MOTION:

At the June 7, 2007 Presbytery Stated Meeting, the Stated Clerk is requested to provide information to clarify that AMENDED Recommendation #5 makes clear that both “belief” and “practice” are subject to Judicial Review; that the action of the assembly does not give “more leeway” or “wiggle room” and that the Assembly did not take action that makes any change to Ordination Standards. Further the Clerk is requested to give advice on whether or not adoption of the Kingman Overture would be a constitutionally permissible action on the part of the presbytery.

REPORT OF ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE FOR CONGREGATIONAL RESOURCING

José Olagues highlighted the booklet *Identity – Polity – Praxis, Ecclesiology and the Presbytery*, by Paul Hooker, from the Re-forming Ministry Group that was distributed in the Council packet,

He also referred to the article by Randy Shaw “Progressives Risk Bitter Split Over Immigration Reform” that was dated April 30th. The debate on immigration continues, if the Security Through Regularized Immigration and Vibrant Economy Act of 2007 does pass it will grant six years of temporary legal status but requires immigrants to first return to their home countries to obtain US citizenship.

REPORT OF INTERIM ASSOCIATE FOR NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES

The Native American Ministries Committee will meet this weekend in Flagstaff. New officers were elected on March 31st and Florence Davis, Ft. Defiance is the new committee chair. The recent mission tour that José Olagues and Bob Lewis facilitated in conjunction with the Stewardship, Mission and Communications Development Committee went well. Tour participants learned about Morning Star NCD, Memorial PC’s multicultural worship experience and Hispanic ministries focus, and toured both Salt River PC and Ft. McDowell PC.

MISSION INTERPRETATION AND FUNDS DEVELOPMENT

Provided for Informational Purposes

At the October 2006 Council Meeting the Council discussed and approved the proposal from the Stewardship, Mission and Communications Development Committee (SMCD) to establish a position of Mission and Stewardship Funds Developer. A search was completed by SMCD and Pat Schindler was selected as the successful candidate to be the Coordinator for Mission Communication and Funds Development. A contract was prepared with an effective starting date of April 15, 2007. SMCD sought the Council’s approval for Patricia Schindler to be the Coordinator for Mission Communication and Funds Development effective April 15, 2007. As the establishment of the position was fully discussed and approved by the Council at its October Meeting it was not necessary to hold a special meeting or conference call to seek the Council’s concurrence and approval to proceed but in light of the circumstances it was appropriate to conduct an email vote on this matter:

Council APPROVED the following MOTION by email vote:

The Presbytery Council approves the selection of Patricia Schindler to be Coordinator for Mission Communication and Funds Development effective April 15, 2007 on the following terms:

Term of Service:	One-year contract commencing April 15, 2007
Evaluation after one year to determine whether or not contract is to be renewed. Contract can be terminated by either party with 30-day notice.	
Anticipated Time:	Part-time, 50 hours per month
Salary:	\$20/hr., maximum of \$12,000/yr., plus \$3,000 expenses
Accountability:	Presbytery Executive

Initial Report

Pat Schindler gave some initial plans for the work ahead and shared her passion for mission. A task force has been organized to consider how we look at missions and pledge patterns. Pat will be meeting with chairpersons of mission committees around the presbytery as time permits.

CORRESPONDENCE

At the March Council Meeting David Hodgson reported that he had received a letter from the Session of First Presbyterian Church, Mesa expressing concerns about the approval of the amended report of the Theological Task Force on Peace, Unity and Purity; and requesting that the Presbytery work to reverse recommendation #5. In response to the letter, Chair of Council Rev. David Hodgson, Member-at-Large Rev. Woody Garvin and Stated Clerk Dick Coffelt were appointed to visit with the Session to listen to their concerns. Having met with the Session on April 1st, David, Woody and Dick reported on the meeting. Following their feedback, Council members asked if there was something that could be done to further the dialogue. After opportunity for discussion, Council referred to the Committee on Ministry their concern.

REVIEW OF THE MARCH PRESBYTERY MEETING

A brief review was held of the March 16-17, 2007 Stated Meeting of Presbytery and the Mutual Invitation process.

JUNE 9, 2007 PRESBYTERY MEETING

Cynthia Jennison on behalf of the Ad Hoc COM/T&W Task Group-Living Out the Recommendations of the Theological Task Force - reported on the tentative plans and recommendations for the forthcoming meeting as follow-up to the Mutual Invitation discussions of the Kingman Presbyterian Church Overture at the March Presbytery Meeting. The Discernment Team is in the process of completing summaries of the responses to the two questions addressed by the small "mutual invitation" groups based upon the written summaries of the responses provided by the "scribes" in each group.

- What passage(s) of Scripture speak to you about this Overture?
- What issues in the Overture are of most concern to you?

In an effort to expose the presbytery to the next step in a structured Mutual Invitation and Dialogue Process for consideration of the Kingman PC Overture it is recommended that the Rev. Victoria Curtiss, Interim Pastor to First Presbyterian Church, Corvallis Oregon, who served on the Theological Task Force along with Martha, be invited to present a workshop on Communal Discernment. She is well qualified as a Consultant on Discernment and her material can be found on the website of the Theological Task Force under Resources. Her workshop presentation of about one hour would then be followed by a one-half hour Q & A. The team has consulted with Vicky and discussed her participation in a conference call and she is tentatively scheduled to be present on June 9th.

It is also planned that the Feedback Summaries of the Mutual Invitation Small Group Discussions be presented both in the call materials to the meeting as well as briefly highlighted during the meeting. Then following the Workshop and Q & A the balance of the time (about 2 hours in total) devoted to follow-up of the Kingman PC Overture during the meeting would consist of:

- Brief Highlighting of the Feedback Summaries
- Presentation by the Stated Clerk on Clarification of Amended Recommendation #5

Cynthia also indicated that one of the features of a Discernment Process is the desirability of having alternatives for consideration and therefore it might be appropriate for the Council to consider what it might recommend to the presbytery as the presbytery continues discussion of the overture at the next and/or future meetings.

Council Discussion and Action

Having considered the recommendations of the Discernment Team for the June 9th meeting, its previous request for the Stated Clerk to provide clarifying information, the feedback from the Mutual Invitation

Discussion Groups and the possibility of alternatives for consideration the Council concurred in the plans presented and further APPROVED the presentation of the following MOTION during the Council Report for consideration of the presbytery:

MOTION: In response to the Overture from the Session of Kingman Presbyterian Church and as the Presbytery continues discernment and dialogue on how best to respond in the matter of Ordination Standards and Presbytery Membership the Presbytery requests that the Committee on Ministry do the following for consideration of the Presbytery and report back at the September 14-15, 2007 Meeting:

1. Provide a summary of what takes place now and what our policies/practices are on the examination of both Candidates for Ministry and those already ordained who are transferring to the presbytery; and
2. Recommend changes to our policies, guidelines, practices, and processes designed to assist the presbytery in its obligation to gain a broader vision of each candidate's or minister's faith and manner of life and the presbytery's responsibility to conduct such examinations reasonably, responsibly, prayerfully and deliberately.

Dick Coffelt indicated that in light of the plans for the June meeting as approved by the Council that he would plan to meet personally with the Kingman Session to outline the plans and the referral MOTION prior to their seeing it in the Call materials posted on the Presbytery Website.

ACTION ITEMS

INVITATIONS TO HOST PRESBYTERY MEETINGS

Presbytery Council accepted with thanks and acknowledgement the following invitations to host Presbytery Meetings:

January 19, 2008	Mission del Sol, Tempe
March 28-29, 2008	Mountain View PC, Scottsdale
June 7, 2008	Christ PC, Goodyear
September 12-13, 2008	Federated Community PC, Flagstaff
November 8, 2008	Memorial PC, Phoenix
January 17, 2009	Desert Hills PC, Carefree
September 10-11, 2010	Community PC, Payson

EVANGELISM AND CHURCH DEVELOPMENT

On recommendation of the Evangelism and Church Development Committee Council APPROVED that Morning Star New Church Development charter when it obtains 100 petitioners.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

Rev. Terry Palmer highlighted the information that was presented in the written report of the Actions taken at the Committee's March Meeting and joint April Meeting with de Cristo's COM and Doska Ross.

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND PEACEMAKING COMMITTEE

Teri Conrad gave an update on Phil Gates and confirmed that he was doing well and communicated Phil's and Lorie's appreciation to the presbytery for prayers and support.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Council is Thursday, June 7, 2007, at noon at the Interchurch Center.

ADJOURN

Following a reflection by David Hodgson on 1 Kings, the meeting was adjourned at 1:58 PM; David Hodgson gave the closing prayer.

II. CONSENT AGENDA – COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY
June 9, 2007

Committee Actions/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:

March 27, 2007

1. Willett

Approved the Pastoral Call, previously approved by the congregation at its called meeting of March 11, 2007, of Candidate for Minister of Word and Sacrament Kristin A. Willett, who will be examined for ordination at the September 14-15, 2007 Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon, as Associate Pastor for Youth and Families at Pinnacle Presbyterian Church:

Salary	\$50,000	Pension/Medical	As required by BOP
Housing	20,000	Vacation	One Month Per Policy
Auto Allowance *	5,000	Study Leave	Two Weeks
Study Allowance *	3,000	Moving Costs	Vouchered

* = Vouchered

All EEO Requirements have been met

2. Interim Pastor - Historic First

Granted the North Central COM Partner Cluster Members, subject to their conducting a COM final clearance interview with and approval of William Evans as Interim Pastor, authority to act on behalf of the Committee on Ministry in approving an Interim Pastor Agreement between the Session of Historic First and William Evans with terms of the contract and effective dates of service to be provided to the Stated Clerk for inclusion in the COM Minutes. (See actions of 5-22-07 below).

3. Moderator Appointments

Approved the following as Moderator to the Session as noted:

- Church of the Master – Gayle Parker

Informational Report – Committee on Ministry Meeting of April 24, 2007

The Committee on Ministry scheduled and held its monthly April 24, 2007 meeting at First Presbyterian Church, Casa Grande in order to meet jointly with the Committee on Ministry of de Cristo Presbytery for purposes of a joint COM Training Event. This joint meeting was scheduled earlier in the year and Doska Ross, Manager of Polity Training and Guidance, of the Constitutional Services in the Office of the General Assembly was invited to be the facilitator. Approximately 2/3 of the members of each committee were able to be present for the event which began at 9:45a.m., and ended at 3:30 p.m. The discussions focused on the many responsibilities of COM, structuring the COM to promote health of ministers and congregations and moving Committees on Ministry from the “Fire Department to Planning Commission”. It was excellent opportunity for a healthy exchange of ideas, learning of the many resources that are available and taking specific time away from the press of normal COM business to plan and prepare for more effective ways to carry out the mission of Grand Canyon’s COM: “To serve as partners to the ministers and congregations of the Presbytery in order to promote vital congregations, effective pastors and healthy relationships. We will strive to know pastors and members (sessions), build trust and foster accountability and responsibility.”

May 22, 2007

1. Davis

Approved the transfer of the membership of the Rev. Malcolm Davis from the Presbytery of Grand Canyon to the Presbytery of Scioto Valley in order that he might accept the Pastoral Call to Central College Presbyterian Church of Westerville, Ohio as Co-Pastor for the purpose of transition with Rev. Dr.

Richard Ellsworth beginning April 1, 2007 and ending on June 30, 2007 which shall be Rev. Ellsworth's retirement date and effective July 1, 2007 to serve as Pastor/Head of Staff. Terms of Call are reported as follows:

Salary / Housing	\$88,000	Pension/Medical	As required by BOP
Travel Allowance	4,800	Vacation	Four Weeks
Auto Allowance*	5,000	Study Leave	Two Weeks
Professional Allowance*	3,600	Medical Reimbursement	\$3,000
Social Security Offset	6,732	Full Moving Costs	Vouchered

*= Vouchered

2. Hendrickson

Approved the transfer of membership of the Rev. Alexandra Hendrickson from the Presbytery of Grand Canyon to the Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy, effective upon the date of her reception into membership of Giddings-Lovejoy, in order that she might accept the Pastoral Call to be Associate Pastor to First United Presbyterian Church of Belleville, Illinois. Note: Pastoral Call Forms from the Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy have not been received however their presbytery representatives have verbally advised that their Committee on Ministry has approved the call on behalf of their presbytery.

3. Miller

Concurred in the request of the Rev. Craig Miller, approved by the congregation at its called meeting of May 13, 2007, to dissolve his pastoral relationship with University Presbytery Church effective August 14, 2007 as he and his family are moving to Brandon, Manitoba, Canada so that his wife Patti Miller may accept a position as professor at Brandon University and so that he might seek a Pastoral Call in the Presbyterian Church of Canada. Craig's last Sunday at UPC will be July 22nd.

Note: The period between July 22 and August 14 will consist of nine days of vacation and two weeks of deferred continuing education.

4. Evans

Approved the Interim Pastor Agreement between Rev. William Evans and the Session of Historic First Presbyterian Church for a period of one year effective May 1, 2007 on the following terms and grant permission to labor pending transfer of his membership from de Cristo Presbytery and permission to moderate meetings of the session:

Salary	\$ 30,178	Medical / Pension	As required by BOP
Housing	26,400	Study Allowance	600
Professional Exp*	4,000	Vacation:	One Month per policy
Study Leave	Two Weeks	Other:	3 days per month to return to CA

5. Weinschenk

Appointed the Rev. John Barklind as Mentor/Supervisor for Sam Weinschenk and approved the Commissioned Lay Pastor Agreement between Sam Weinschenk and the Session of First Presbyterian Church Wickenburg for a period of three years, with annual reviews of performance, effective June 10, 2007 on the following terms terms and grant permission to administer the Sacraments, moderate session meetings, officiate a Christian Service of Marriage and have voice and vote in meetings of the presbytery.

Salary/Housing	\$54,000	Medical / Pension - Post Service Dues	
Travel *	2,500	Study Allowance	\$1,000
Study Leave	Two Weeks	Vacation:	Two Weeks

* = Vouchered

6. Bell

Granted the request of Rev. Arthur Bell to Labor outside the bounds of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon for the period of his service and within the bounds of Pueblo Presbytery, upon their approval, in order that he might accept the position of Interim Pastor to Faith Presbyterian Church of Colorado Springs, CO.

7. Moderator Appointments

Appointed the Rev. Trina Zelle as Moderator to the Session Guadalupe Presbyterian Church.

8. Southminster and CLP Reginald Ragland

Confirmed the Rev. Shelly Moe as Mentor/Supervisor to Commissioned Lay Pastor Reginald Ragland.

9. Permission to Labor

Granted permission to Rev. John Barklind to labor outside the bounds of Grand Canyon Presbytery in order that he may officiate for the wedding of his daughter Sharla Barklind on October 13, 2007 at the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Alexandria, Virginia.

III.

CONSENT AGENDA – STATED CLERK’S REPORT
June 9, 2007

Report of Administrative Commission

The Administrative Commission to install the Rev. Ruth Reinhold and the Rev. Brandon Hood as Associate Pastors to Valley Presbyterian Church met at 3:00 p.m. and did install Rev. Ruth Reinhold and Rev. Brandon Hood as Associate Pastors.

MOTION: that the Report of the Administrative Commission be entered into the Minutes of the June 9, 2007 Stated Presbytery Meeting.