

Call to the Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon

Saturday, June 7, 2008
Christ Presbyterian Church

925 N. Sarival Ave., Goodyear 623-882-0721

TO: Clerks of Session, Minister Members, Elder Commissioners and Other Presbyters

FROM: Richard E. Coffelt, Stated Clerk

DATE: May 24, 2008

The Presbytery of Grand Canyon is hereby called to meet for its Stated Meeting on Saturday, June 7, 2008 at Christ Presbyterian Church in Goodyear, Arizona. **Registration is scheduled to begin at 8:00 AM with the meeting to begin promptly at 9:00 AM.**

New Beginnings is the theme for this Stated Meeting and a preview of highlights as reflected on the Agenda are the following:

- Welcome by Christ Presbyterian Church of Goodyear
- Service of Worship and Celebration of the Lord's Supper
- Commissioning of Commissioners and YAD to the 218th General Assembly (2008).
- Immigration – Nation, State and Church – Rev. Trina Zelle
- Enrollment of Candidate from Inquirer, Christopher Harrison
- Examination for Ordination of Linda Worsnop, Called as Pastor to Winslow Presbyterian Church
- Report of the Associate Executive Presbyter, Rev. José Olagues
- Report of the Administrative Commission to John Calvin Presbyterian Church
- Report of the Synod of the Southwest Meetings

We look forward to your participation in the June Stated Meeting and the opportunity it provides to re-connect with one another, to celebrate community and to joyfully offer ourselves to God and be equipped for God's service in the world through Worship.

Please Note:

Cost for lunch: will be \$6.00 per person

Childcare: Available by request, in advance of the meeting, call by June 5th 623-882-0721.

Housing Available: A limited number of host families are available for Friday evening (if requested by June 2nd.) 623-882-0721

For Questions Regarding Disability Accommodations: Call 623-882-0721.

For an excused absence: you will need to send a letter to the Stated Clerk, or you may send an e-mail to the following address at the Presbytery office: click6@aol.com

Announcements: Individuals who wish to lift up items for the attention of the presbytery as a whole are asked to **provide the announcement in a brief written form in advance of the meeting to Linda Bailey at click6@aol.com or by fax at 602-468-3824** in order that they may be included in a printed announcements sheet in the packet. Following the meeting, this announcement sheet will also be available on the news page of the Presbytery Website. (**Announcements must be received by Tuesday, June 3rd.**)

**Tentative Agenda
 Stated Meeting of June 7, 2008
 Presbytery of Grand Canyon
 Christ Presbyterian Church, Host**

THEME: New Beginnings

- 8:00 a.m. Registration
- 9:00 a.m. **ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME**
- Lighting of the Peace Candle
 - Gathering Hymn
 - Convening Prayer Art Campbell
 - Opening Procedures
 - Introduction of those attending for first time
 - Enrollment of Corresponding Members
 - Establishment of a Quorum
 - Approval of the Agenda
 - Approval of Procedural Motions (C-1)
 - Reception of New Business
 - Welcome by Christ Presbyterian Church of Goodyear Bob Simmons
- 9:20 a.m. **SHARING GOD’S WORD**
 Service of Worship
- SermonRev. Al Gephart
 - The Lord’s Supper
- 10:20 a.m. **ENGAGING IN GOD’S WORD**
- 10:20 a.m. Report of Trustees and Council..... Barbara Walker
- Consent Agenda (C-2)
 - Planning Committee ReportRocky Mackey
 - Election to the Nominations Committee
- 10:45 a.m. Immigration – Nation, State and Church.....Introduction by Art Campbell
- Church – Rev. Trina Zelle
 - Questions and Answers
- 11:45 a.m. Stewardship, Mission and Communications Development David Van Arsdale
- Mission Partnerships
- * 11:55 a.m. **CELEBRATING COMMUNITY**
SHARE A COMMON MEAL AND TABLE TALK
- * 1:00 p.m. **CONTINUING GOD’S WORK**
- 1:00 p.m. Prayers of the People
- 1:05 p.m. Commissioning of Commissioners and YAD to 218th General Assembly (2008)
- 1:10 p.m. Big Event Al Gephart
- 1:25 p.m. Preparation for Ministry Committee..... Pat Baxter
- Enrollment from Inquirer to Candidate – Christopher Harrison
- 1:40 p.m. Committee on MinistryShelly Moe
- Examination for Ordination (C-3)
 - Linda Worsnop - Called as Pastor – Winslow Presbyterian Church
- 2:10 p.m. Committee on MinistryShelly Moe
- Implementation of the Examination for Membership Policy
- 2:20 p.m. Report of the Associate Executive Presbyter..... José Olagues
- 2:40 p.m. Nominations Committee Report..... Cindy Michels

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2:50 p.m.	Report of the Administrative Committee to John Calvin Presbyterian Church.Ed Spence
3:05 p.m.	Report of the 2008 Synod of the Southwest Meetings Commissioners
3:20 p.m.	Report from the General Assembly Council.....Mary Lynn Walters
3:25 p.m.	Unfinished Business
3:40 p.m.	GO IN GOD’S NAME
	Expression of Thanks
	Adjournment Art Campbell

*Order of the Day

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.)

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. (NRSV)

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Directions to Christ Presbyterian Church
925 N. Sarival Ave., Goodyear, AZ 85338
623-882-0721

DRIVING INSTRUCTIONS

From the East – Follow I-10 to Exit 126 – PebbleCreek/Estrella Parkway off ramp. Turn right on PebbleCreek/Estrella to first light – McDowell. Left on McDowell to first light – Sarival. Left on Sarival ½ mile to the church on the left.

From the West – Follow I-10 to Exit 126 – PebbleCreek/Estrella Parkway off ramp. Turn left on PebbleCreek/Estrella to first light – McDowell. Left on McDowell to first light – Sarival. Left on Sarival ½ mile to the church on the left.

From the North – Follow I-17 to I-10 to I-10 **OR** Follow I-17 to 101 to I-10. Head West on I10 to Exit 126 – PebbleCreek/Estrella Parkway off ramp. Turn right on PebbleCreek/Estrella to first light – McDowell. Left on McDowell to first light – Sarival. Left on Sarival ½ mile to the church on the left.

Note* The church facility is small and does not have the space to provide all-day child care.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Comfort Suites \$119.-169.
15575 Roosevelt St.
Goodyear, AZ
623-266-2884

Econo Lodge \$59.99
1520 N. 84th Dr.
Tolleson, AZ 85353
623-936-4667

Quality Inn & Suites \$84.99-114.99
950 N. Dysart Rd.
Goodyear, AZ 85338
623-932-9191

Hampton Inn \$125.
2000 N. Litchfield Rd.
Goodyear, AZ 85338
623-536-1313

RESTAURANTS – 2 miles from the church

On PebbleCreek/Estrella North of I-10
Rubio's
Paradise Café and Bakery

On PebbleCreek/Estrella South of I-10
McDonald's
Panda Express
Robek's
Pizza Hut
Native New Yorker – In Safeway parking lot
Blimpies – In Safeway parking lot facing Van Buren
Subway – In Walgreen's parking lot
It's your Grind – In Walgreen's parking lot

Procedural Motions

for the

June 7, 2008 Stated Meeting

The Stated Clerk moves the following procedural motions:

1. That the roll for this meeting be established by signing of the Registration Sheets at the Registration Desk.
2. That the Presbytery grant to the Moderator the authority to grant privilege of the floor to persons for the purpose of reporting to this meeting.
3. That the Moderator and the Stated Clerk be empowered to make adjustments in the Agenda during the meeting, as may be necessary, to provide for efficiency in reporting.
4. That written requests for absences received by the Stated Clerk be approved.

CONSENT AGENDA
JUNE 7, 2008 STATED PRESBYTERY MEETING
PRESBYTERY OF GRAND CANYON

The Consent Agenda includes the Report of the April 3, 2008 and May 1, 2008 Meetings of Presbytery Council/Trustees, the Report of the Committee on Ministry, the Report of the Committee on Preparation for 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.

I. REPORT OF PRESBYTERY COUNCIL/TRUSTEES

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II. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

Immediately following the Report of the Presbytery Council/Trustees

III. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

Immediately following the Report of the Committee on Ministry

II. REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK

Immediately following the Report of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry

**I. CONSENT AGENDA – REPORT OF COUNCIL/TRUSTEES
June 7, 2008 Stated Meeting of Presbytery**

April 3, 2008

The Council/Trustees of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon met for its Stated April Meeting at the Interchurch Center, beginning at 12:15 PM. A quorum was present. David Huusko and two members from Northminster Presbyterian Church were present and there was an opportunity for introductions around the table. Barbara Walker opened the meeting with prayer.

COUNCIL/TRUSTEES MINUTES APPROVED

The Minutes of the March 6, 2008 Meeting of the Council/Trustees were approved as presented.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Treasurer Shirley Randolph reviewed the Financial Report as of March 31, 2008 which reflected a year-to-date income of \$340,800.49 and expense of \$332,169.68 resulting in a difference of \$8,630.81. She highlighted March income and expenses which reflected \$70,485.75 in revenue, \$112,518.70 in expense resulting in a difference of (\$42,032.95). The 2008 Provisional Budget that Presbytery approved was based on the recommendation of the Presbytery Council to the churches that the formula for distributing church pledges be 75% for the presbytery, 10% for Synod, and 15% for General Assembly. Although this recommended formula is listed on the mission pledge form, churches have not been following it when sending in their pledges. It has been projected that this will result in a loss of \$69,000.

Motion: After opportunity for discussion, Council APPROVED that the Presbytery Council or one of the officers of the Presbytery send a letter to the clerks of session, to be shared with the church treasurer, communicating that we are behind in our presbytery funding and to ask that they reconsider their distribution formula. After sending the letter, there should be some form of personal follow-up.

Council recessed. The Trustees’ Meeting was convened.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT

Northminster Presbyterian Church

Prior to this meeting, Trustees received the proposed motion and background information regarding Northminster PC’s request that the Presbytery co-sign on a new loan with Bank of America. This loan will be for \$150,000, 15 year term and amortization to be used for three purposes:

1. Pay off their existing loan balance of \$38,600
2. Remodel the sanctuary to facilitate a contemporary service - \$20,000
3. Provide three years of musical leadership for a contemporary service - \$90,000

In speaking for approval of the proposed loan, Rev. David Huusko offered that their one blended service has plateaued; and they would like to enhance and revitalize their worship experience by offering a second service with a contemporary focus to serve an already strong contingent of 40 younger members of the congregation. They have had a congregational survey and a congregational meeting and there is significant support for this project. Their first priority is to get rid of the mortgage, and then to update the sanctuary to benefit both services. They feel that music is a key component in enhancement of the service. At the present time, 60% of their congregation is 65 or over.

Their neighboring community is transitioning. For a period of time the community’s demographics were changing with a much larger minority component. There are also younger families looking to buy their first home who are starting to move into the community. Northminster might be looking at offering a daycare program.

Trustees asked a range of questions including: Have you done a demographic study of your area? If you say 60% of your congregation is 65 or over are you going to have enough financial support? Is the congregation in support of offering a second service in a contemporary format? Do they look at it as supporting a new outreach? Do you expect that this loan will help you to build the congregation and to be

able to pay off the per capita that is outstanding? We hope this succeeds, but if Northminster defaults, does the Presbytery have the funds to cover their debt? What is your vision of where you will be in three years?

Upon request, David Huusko and the members from Northminster were escorted out of the room to provide Trustees an opportunity for discussion. The dialogue centered around the bonds of connectionalism and concern that Northminster has not supported the larger church with per capita. However, as has been demonstrated in a judicial case with Heartland Presbytery a presbytery may not withhold its permission for a loan for failure to pay per capita. (There is an outstanding debt of \$2800 from last year, they have paid nothing in per capita this year; and the presbytery has forgiven \$7,000 in per capita for previous years.) When the Property Committee met with the Northminster PC Session, they discussed per capita. The Session members recognize that this is a concern and they would like to find a solution to begin putting per capita back in their budget. It is their feeling that being able to receive this loan and work toward building their congregation will help them to be in a better position to fulfill their per capita obligation.

While concern was expressed that there is an idea of presbytery as being useful only when it can do something for them, the larger concern is one of relationship. This is an opportunity to strengthen the bond of relationship. This is an instance where the church is trying to bring people to Christ. Trustees appointed Woody Garvin to communicate to David Huusko and the members of Northminster PC the comments made in the Trustee discussion concerning past history. Is the issue that they can't pay per capita, or that they don't really feel connected? It is important that they hear the concerns and that they understand the importance of the relationship that presbytery has with this congregation.

The question was called and Trustees VOTED to end the debate. On recommendation of the Property Committee, Trustees APPROVED the following **Motion**: The Presbytery of Grand Canyon approves the loan application of \$150,000 from the Bank of America and the proposed uses of the proceeds from the loan by Northminster Presbyterian Church and will sign off on using the church property as collateral on that loan.

David Huusko and the members of Northminster PC were invited back into the room: Woody Garvin informed them that the Motion had passed and praised them in their efforts to reach out to bring Christ to the community in new ways, recognizing that their work in that area will take risk and innovation. He communicated the spirit of the Trustees' discussion regarding the way that Northminster PC relates to our presbytery family. There is a sense that at times Northminster has been ambivalent. He requested that David Huusko take back to the Session "What can Northminster do to move into the relationship of the 70 churches?" David Huusko responded that they look forward to returning to Council in the near future to share how this project is going and some of the learning curves; in hopes that other churches might benefit from their experiences.

Cornfields Chapel, Ganado Mission Outreach

Background Information – From the October 4, 2007 Meeting of Council/Trustees

On recommendation of the Property Committee and the Evangelism and Church Development Committee, Trustees APPROVED the concept of an agreement with Navajo Missions, Inc. to allow them to conduct church services, Bible study, Bible school, etc., at the Cornfield chapel in return for their making significant improvements to the property. (A specific contract will be brought to Council at a later time.)

Don Swanson updated Trustees on the Cornfields Chapel and presented the Commercial Use Agreement for approval. Bob Lewis confirmed that Navajo Missions were up there last summer and that they want to make improvements to the facility. On recommendation of the Property Committee, Trustees APPROVED the Commercial Use Agreement.

Informational Item

Don Swanson reported that Church Mutual is adding to church policies – at no additional charge – an identity recovery package which protects clergy, administrators and family members.

Trustee’s recessed. Council Meeting reconvened.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER

Ken Moe reported that the audit is well along in its process, full results will be available in June.

REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK

Stated Clerk Nominee

Dick Coffelt reported that Rev. Gradye Parsons, currently Associate Stated Clerk of the PCUSA is the nominee for Stated Clerk. Dick read his congratulatory email that he sent to Gradye and shared Gradye’s response. It is a part of the process that people who had applied for this position but are not the selectee may stand for election.

INTERIM ASSOCIATE FOR NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES

Bob Lewis provided a report on the April Presbytery Mission Tour sponsored by the Stewardship Mission and Communications Development Committee that he and José Olagues facilitated. He also highlighted that several mission projects are being scheduled for the summer. Some people come to do light work while others are coming to do serious repair at Tuba City and Kayenta. Other groups conduct Vacation Bible Schools and become better acquainted with our ministries here. Parker Valley will be hosting the Native American Ministries Committee meeting on April 12. Walter Danforth invited Council members for lunch on that day.

MARCH 28-29, 2008 PRESBYTERY MEETING

A review was held of the March Presbytery Meeting.

JUNE 7, 2008 PRESBYTERY MEETING

Committee chairpersons were encouraged to submit their requests for time on the docket as soon as possible to assist the Agenda Planning Committee in coordinating plans for the meeting.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Committee Vacancy

There is a vacancy on the Nominating Committee for a male elder (class of 2008).

Synod Commissioner

The Synod will be meeting before the next Stated Meeting of Presbytery and a replacement is needed to fill an unexpired term. On recommendation of the Nominating Committee, Council APPROVED the nomination of Jean Montgomery to replace Les Brettain (class of 2008).

PROPOSAL TO COUNCIL

Dave Van Arsdale submitted a proposal to Council regarding procedures for handling requests for display space and informational items and distributing papers at presbytery meetings. During opportunity for discussion it was determined that the proposal included procedures that are similar to what is already contained in the Council Members’ Handbook. Dave Van Arsdale made the Motion to Table the proposal and to incorporate the pertinent information with the material that is already in the Council Member’s Handbook.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

Shelly Moe referred to the report of Actions Taken at their March Meeting and highlighted the following: the Installation Service for Nathan Byrd at Historic First PC (April 6th), the Interim agreement between the Session of First Presbyterian Church of Wickenburg and John Poling; and the Service of Ordination for Bill Good at Mountain View PC (April 13th).

COMMITTEE TO WORK WITH CHURCH OF THE MASTER

At the March 6, 2008 Meeting of Council/Trustees

Trustees approved that the Chair of Council appoint a minimum of three Council members to be in discussion with the Session of Church of the Master to convey concerns about connectionalism and stewardship with respect to mission partnership funding from the General Assembly as well as feedback with regard to concerns about a long-term lease.

In accordance with this action, the following committee has been appointed by Barbara Walker to meet with the Session of Church of the Master: Dave Van Arsdale (Chairperson), Paul Harding, Gloria Wilson, Annette Lewis, Woody Garvin, Shirley Randolph (ex officio).

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Beverly Roselieb highlighted plans for the April 5th Presbyterian Women's Gathering which will focus on the theme of becoming environmentally responsible.

CROSSWINDS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Michael Hartwell reported that the groundbreaking ceremony for Crosswinds PC will be on April 27th, they hope to be in the building by Christmas Eve.

NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL

The next meeting of Council/Trustees will be May 1, 2008 (at noon) at the Interchurch Center.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 1:57 PM; Barbara Walker gave the closing prayer.

May 1, 2008

The Council/Trustees of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon met for its Stated May Meeting at the Interchurch Center, beginning at 12:00 PM. A quorum was present. Barbara Walker opened the meeting with prayer.

COUNCIL/TRUSTEES MINUTES APPROVED

The Minutes of the April 3, 2008 Meeting of the Council/Trustees were approved as presented.

PRESBYTERY MINUTES APPROVED

Prior to approval of the minutes, two corrections were made to the attendance record and a revision was made to the Nominations Committee report, all of which are now correctly reflected in the Minutes of the March Presbytery Meeting. Acting on its delegated authority, Council APPROVED the Minutes of the March 28-29, 2008 Stated Meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Shirley Randolph reviewed the Financial Report as of April 30, 2008 which reflected a year-to-date income of \$443,384.55 and expense of \$460,623.20 resulting in a difference of (\$7,238.65).

According to the amount of mission pledges to date, the presbytery is down \$175,000 from what is in the budget. A discussion was held as to what might happen at the end of the year to meet expenses. It was observed that sometimes in the past the presbytery has drawn on retained earnings. The Budget Committee remains optimistic as there has also been a history of under-spending the budget. Pastors play a central role in educating congregations on the connectional system. The question was asked if the Committee on Ministry reviews how pastors have supported Presbyterian mission in their previous congregations when they are considering receiving pastoral candidates.

After further discussion, Council APPROVED to strongly recommend to the Committee on Ministry that, as pastoral candidates are being considered, the history of stewardship of the church in which they have served be looked at as information in the interview process.

Audit Report Received

The Audited Statement from Henry and Horne, P.L.C. has been received for the year ending December 31, 2007. Upon Motion of Council, the report will be made a part of the June 7, 2008 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.

New Covenant Funds

The New Covenant Funds have a new distributor and they have requested that the Presbytery Council take action to approve the names of people to be authorized to manage the account on behalf of the Presbytery. A copy of the Minutes of this meeting, reflecting this action will be notarized and sent back to New Covenant Funds.

Council APPROVED that Shirley Randolph, Paul Frieling and Dick Coffelt be authorized to manage the account.

Council recessed. Trustees' Meeting was convened.

TRUSTEE ITEMS

Property on Lake Pleasant Parkway and Pinnacle Peak Road

On recommendation of the Property Committee and after opportunity for discussion, Trustees DENIED the request of 3603 Campbell LLC to extend the easement granted them by the Presbytery of Grand Canyon by an additional 108 frontage feet along Pinnacle Peak Road.

Provided for Information Purposes

Celebration of Life Presbyterian Church

Don Swanson reported that St. Timothy's Catholic School and Celebration of Life Presbyterian Church are working together on plans to change the entranceway and the configuration of the property. This would be beneficial to Celebration of Life as the dead space would be paved and turned into a parking area. Additional information will come back to the Trustees in the fall regarding a lease agreement between Celebration of Life and St. Timothy's Catholic School.

Surprise Property

Don Swanson has received an inquiry about purchasing the property in Surprise. He reported that he had asked the Evangelism and Church Development Committee (ECD) if they might be interested in selling the property. ECD discussed Don's question from the perspective of whether or not they saw it as a site for a future new church development. They felt that it would be better to be in a location without age restrictions. Don asked the Trustees for input on whether the time might be right to sell the 5.8 acres in Surprise. While it currently has deed restrictions, those will expire in ten years. There is currently a GA loan on that property. It was suggested that it might be wise to hold onto the property as an investment.

Financial Report

The auditors noted that there hadn't been a reassessment appraisal of the presbytery's properties in some time and they requested Don Swanson to research what sales and purchases had taken place since the last time this information had been determined. Don called attention to page 5 of the Financial Report that reflects the updated information.

Trustees recessed. Council reconvened.

EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER'S REPORT

Biehn Colony Trust

Ken Moe gave an overview of Biehn Colony Trust and the presbytery's efforts to deed the remaining properties to Habitat for Humanity and to Guadalupe. Three additional lots that were zoned commercial were approved by the court to be given to Las Fuentes Clinic. As soon as three more home lots have been deeded to the town, the corporation will be dissolved.

Letter from Auditors

Ken referred to the letter in the Council packet that was addressed to the Board of Trustees from Henry and Horne, LLP. The auditors have made some suggestions for the Trustees to consider “opportunities for strengthening internal controls and operating efficiency.” Ken asked that Trustees read the letter so that the suggestions could be discussed in greater detail in a future meeting. Regarding the suggestion of “segregation of duties,” or how checks are received, processed, deposited and issued – current practice is for Marcia to receive the checks, note them and enter the information into the computer record. Paul then receives them and deposits them. The auditors are suggesting another level of security in the process which could create some practical difficulties for an operation as small as this one. After opportunity for discussion, the consensus was that while segregation of duties would make sense for a larger operation which processes a great deal of cash, the current procedure for receiving checks, recording them and depositing them is appropriate for the presbytery. Ken asked that Trustees read the suggestions for performing a fraud risk assessment so this might be discussed at the next meeting.

GAPJC Decision on Disciplinary Case 218-12

Jane Adams Spahr v. The PCUSA through the Presbytery of Redwoods

Jane Spahr was tried by the presbytery of Redwoods for conducting two same sex weddings. The presbytery did not find her guilty and the case was appealed. The synod PJC heard the case, overturned the presbytery’s action and imposed censure. The case was appealed to the GA which has ruled. The GA reversed the decision of the synod and removed the censure.

Headnotes from the decision:

1. Marriage is defined by the *Book of Order* W-4.9001. W-4.9001 provides four definitional statements of marriage. As a definition, W-4.9001 does not prohibit an officer of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) who has been authorized to perform marriages from performing a same sex union. A same sex ceremony is not and cannot be a marriage under W-4.9001.

2. Same-sex unions are not to be confused with marriages. There are differences between same sex ceremonies and marriage ceremonies. The liturgy should be kept distinct for the two types of services. Officers of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) who are authorized to perform marriages shall not state, imply, or represent that a same sex ceremony is a marriage because under W-4.9001 a same sex ceremony is not and cannot be a marriage.

Within certain parameters, ministers are permitted to do same sex unions as long as they are not represented to be marriages. This is not a change. A discussion was held on the decision and whether Council should interpret the decision to the churches to help people understand the issue in a proper context.

INTERIM ASSOCIATE FOR NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES

Bob thanked Mary Danforth for Parker’s hosting of the Native American Ministries Committee’s April meeting at Parker Valley Presbyterian Church. He added that the new board for Cook School for Christian Leadership will be meeting next week to reconfigure the organization. There is concern about the future of the joy offering for the school, but they will receive it for 2009. Mary Lynn Walters is keeping them informed on that. The sale of the property is in process, it is in escrow and Bob will have more news at the next meeting.

The Commissioned Lay Pastor training program is continuing; and three students will have completed their studies for CLP ministry by this coming Sunday’s graduation celebration at the Franciscan Center. The campus is closing but the school is continuing.

JUNE PRESBYTERY MEETING

Plans for the upcoming June meeting were discussed. Council members were asked to turn in their requests for time on the docket by this week at the latest.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY COUNCIL REPORT

Mary Lynn highlighted the “General Assembly Council At-A-Glance” information sheet on the ministry and mission of the GAC that was prepared by Dave Van Arsdale. She provided an update on the work of the GAC and referred to her written report that was included in the Council packet. This report will be posted on the Presbytery Website.

VACANCY ON THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

The Council is responsible for placing in nomination persons to serve on the Nominations Committee. There is currently a vacancy for a male elder. Barbara Walker asked for two volunteers to bring a recommendation to the next Council meeting. The person would need to be elected by the presbytery. After opportunity for discussion, Janet Arbesman and Barbara Walker volunteered to work on a recommendation.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Synod Commissioners

A discussion was held on the importance of nominating people to serve as synod commissioners who are active in the life of the presbytery. There is a need to fill an unexpired term for a male minister commissioner (to replace Terry Swicegood) and a female minister commissioner (to replace Laura Joost-Kuhn). The next synod meeting will be in June. A racial-ethnic person is needed. After opportunity for discussion, the following names were recommended for consideration: Janet Arbesman (she will let Cindy know within a week if she can serve), Rev. Ramos (he agreed to serve), and Nathan Byrd.

NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES COMMITTEE

On the recommendation of the Native American Ministries Committee, Council APPROVED that \$1,000 be disbursed from Restricted Account #22401 (Extra Commitment – Native American Ministries) to the Tuba City Presbyterian Church for the purpose of assisting with expenses related to sending six youth and three adult chaperones to participate in the summer conference of the National Indian Youth Council to be held June 8-13 in Vian, Oklahoma.

INVITATION TO HOST THE MARCH 2009 PRESBYTERY MEETING

Presbytery Council ACCEPTS with thanks, Horizon Presbyterian Church Session’s invitation to host the March 20-21, 2009 Stated Meeting of Presbytery.

DRAFT OF LETTER TO SEND TO CHURCHES

Whose Pledge is Less than 75% to the Presbytery

Background Information from the April Council Meeting:

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At the April Meeting of Council/Trustees, Council took the following action:

Motion: After opportunity for discussion, Council APPROVED that the Presbytery Council or one of the officers of the Presbytery send a letter to the clerks of session, to be shared with the church treasurer, communicating that we are behind in our presbytery funding and to ask that they reconsider their distribution formula. After sending the letter, there should be some form of personal follow-up.

A draft of the letter to send out to churches whose pledge for 2008 is less than 75% to the presbytery was distributed to Council members prior to the meeting. After opportunity for discussion, Council APPROVED that the letter be sent out.

Woody Garvin reported that Valley’s Mission Committee met this morning and had not realized there had been a change in the percentage – they have made the correction.

The observation was made that as of this month, there are 31 churches that have not yet made a pledge. Bob Lewis reported that with many Indian churches the infrastructure is weak, there is no pastoral leadership and there is no secretary on staff. He lifted up the wonderful pledge from Vah-Ki last year. There are several churches that are in difficulty but the majority of Native churches can respond and he is working with them.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

On recommendation of the Nominations Committee Council APPROVED the following people to serve on presbytery committees as follows:

Evangelism and Church Development

Rev. Tom Lineweaver – Class of 2009

CLP, Reginald Ragland – Class of 2010

Rev. Richard Pyke – Class of 2010

Womens' Ministries Committee

Rev. Kathryn Pyke – Class of 2010

REVIEW OF RECORDS

Ann Lodge provided an update on the recent review of records that was held at the presbytery office.

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND PEACEMAKING

Cindy Michels reported that the Social Justice and Peacemaking Committee has affirmed the AEC statement on immigration and asked to have copies of the letter available at their display for the June Presbytery Meeting. Council ENDORSED their request. The Arizona Ecumenical Council will be dealing with the immigration issue in-depth for the next few years.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION

Amy Davis King updated the Council on the work of the Administrative Commission to John Calvin Presbyterian Church. They will be making a report to the presbytery in June.

NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL

The next meeting of Council/Trustees will be Thursday, June 5, 2008 (at noon) at the Interchurch Center.

ADJOURN

Following a brief devotional, the meeting was adjourned with prayer at 2:05 PM.

II.

**CONSENT AGENDA – COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY
June 7, 2008 Stated Meeting of Presbytery**

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:

COM Actions of February 26, 2008

1. Sadongei

Approved renewal of the Stated Supply Agreement between Rev. Martha Sadongei and the Session of Central Presbyterian Church for a period of one year effective January 1, 2008 on the following terms:

Salary	\$26,000	Pension/Medical	As required by BOP
Housing	16,000	Mileage Reimbursement	Vouchered
Study Allowance*	500	Other	2 Sundays of Professional
Study Leave	Two Weeks		leave at discretion of Pastor with
Vacation	One Month per Policy		Session Approval

2. Eaken

Approved renewal of the Interim Pastor Agreement between Rev. Larry Eaken and the Session of Chandler Presbyterian Church for a period of 12 months with 45 days notice of termination effective January 1, 2008 on the following terms:

Salary	\$25,800	Pension/Medical	As required by BOP
Housing	28,275	Vouchered Auto Reim	\$1,350
Study Allowance*	1,050	Professional Expense	675
Study Leave	Two Weeks	Vacation	One Month per Policy

COM Actions of March 25, 2008

1. Byrd

Approved the following Administrative Commission to install Rev. Nathan Byrd Pastor to Historic First Presbyterian Church at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday April 6, 2008 :

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Elders</u>	<u>Corresponding Members</u>
Arthur Campbell	Reginald Ragland (Southminster)	Rev. Gretchen Bretz (Denver)
W. Gale Watkins	Brett Wingate (Historic First)	Rev. Carrie Buckner (San
Brant Baker	Fernando Diaz (Historic First)	Francisco Presbytery)
	Elder To Be Named	

2. Poling

Pending final concurrence of the Session at its meeting of March 25, 2008 approved the Interim Pastor Agreement between Rev. John Poling and the Session of First Presbyterian Church of Wickenburg for a period of one year effective April 27, 2008, subject to 30 days notice for termination, on the following terms:

Salary	\$33,800	Pension/Medical	As Required by the BOP
Housing	30,000	Medical/Dental Reimb	\$3,475
Study Allowance*	2,000	Dental Plan	675
Automobile – Provided by the Church		Book/Professional Allow*	600
Study Leave	Two Weeks	Vacation	One Month Per Policy
= Vouchered			

3. Good

Granted authority to the Metro North COM Church Partners to act on behalf of COM for the approval of an Administrative Commission, in accordance with the Service of Ordination Guidelines, to Ordain Candidate for Minister of Word and Sacrament William Good, should his examination for ordination be sustained at the March 28-29, 2008 Stated Presbytery Meeting.

COM Actions of April 22, 2008

1. Avery

Approved the Pastoral Call of the Rev. Debra Renee Avery, approved by the Congregation at its called meeting of March 30, 2008, as Pastor to Palo Cristi Presbyterian Church effective June 9, 2008 on the following terms:

Salary	\$ 37,800	Medical / Pension	As required by BOP
Housing Allow	25,200	Dental Plan	\$1,217.04
Auto Allow*	2,450	Study Allow*	2,000
Study Leave	Two Weeks	Vacation:	One Month per policy
Moving Expense Est.*	12,000		

*= Vouchered

All EEO Requirements Met

2. Turner

Approved the Pastoral Call of the Rev. David Lee Turner, approved by the Congregation at its called meeting of April 20, 2008, as Associate Pastor for Education and Discipleship to Valley Presbyterian Church effective June 16, 2008 on the following terms:

Salary / Housing	\$ 79,000	Medical / Pension	As required by BOP
Auto Allow*	3,400	Medical Deductible*	3,000
Study Leave	Two Weeks	Study Allow*	2,000
Professional Expense*	1,000	Vacation:	One Month per policy
Moving Expense Est.*	12,000		

*= Vouchered

All EEO Requirements Met

3. Joost-Kuhn

Concurred in the request of the Rev. Laura Joost-Kuhn, approved by the congregation at its Special Congregational Meeting of March 30, 2008, to dissolve her Pastoral Relationship with the Alpine Community Presbyterian Church effective March 23, 2008. In accordance COM Separation Guidelines Rev. Joost-Kuhn received on March 23, 2008 compensation in the amount of 2 weeks salary; one week of unused vacation; plus four weeks severance allowance.

4. Schlesinger-Devlin

Concurred in the request of the Rev. Justin Schlesinger-Devlin, approved by the Congregation at its Special Congregational Meeting of April 20, 2008, to dissolve his Pastoral Relationship with John Calvin Presbyterian Church effective June 9, 2008 in order that he might accept a Pastoral Call to be Pastor to Westminster Presbyterian Church, Marion, Indiana. Approved the transfer of his membership from the Presbytery of Grand Canyon to Whitewater Valley Presbytery effective upon his reception into their membership. Terms of Call have been reported as follows:

Salary / Housing	\$ 55,000	Medical / Pension	As required by BOP
Auto Allow*	2,500	Medical Deductible	2,200
Study Leave	Two Weeks	Study Allow*	1,000
Professional Expense*	1,200	Vacation:	4 Weeks / 4 Sundays
SECA Offset	4,263	Other:	1,300 One time Computer Purchase
Moving Expense Est.*	15,000		

*= Vouchered

5. Permission to Labor

Granted permission of the Rev. David Huusko to labor outside the bounds of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon on October 17-18, 2008 for the purpose of officiating at a wedding ceremony at Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church in Severna Park, Maryland.

Granted permission of the Rev. Robert Simmons to labor outside the bounds of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon on May 18, 2008 for the purpose of officiating at a wedding ceremony at a resort in Washington D.C. of a Christian Couple who are not members of a Presbyterian congregation.

6. Chandler Presbyterian Church

Approved the Mission Study of the Chandler Presbyterian Church, approved by the Session on April 15, 2008, and granted permission for the formation of a Pastor Nominating Committee.

**III. CONSENT AGENDA – COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY
June 7, 2008 Stated Meeting of Presbytery**

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:

Inquirer Enrolled

The Committee met with Glyndon Morris, a member of Palo Cristi Presbyterian Church, who had received the endorsement of the Palo Cristi PC Session to come under the care of Grand Canyon Presbytery for the purpose of becoming an Inquirer. At their May 20, 2008 meeting, the committee voted to receive Glyndon Morris as an Inquirer under care of this presbytery.

Inquirer to Candidate

At the May 20, 2008 meeting of the CPM, Inquirer Christopher Harrison of Heritage Presbyterian Church was approved for examination by the Presbytery for enrollment as a Candidate.

IV. **CONSENT AGENDA – REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK**
June 7, 2008 Stated Meeting of Presbytery

MOTION: The following report of the Stated Clerk concerning the Review of Session Records, the Report of Administrative Commissions and the Report of the Synod of the Southwest review of Presbytery Minutes be entered into the minutes of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon Stated Meeting of June 7, 2008.

A. REVIEW OF SESSION RECORDS

The Review of Records Committee scheduled a review opportunity on February 5, 2008; March 28, 2008; April 5, 2008 and April 19, 2008. The following session records were reviewed on the dates indicated:

Memorial Presbyterian Church (2/5/08)

Records approved with the following exception:

- No record of examination of Elders-elect

Desert Hills Presbyterian Church (3/28/08)

Records approved without exception

Pinnacle Presbyterian Church (3/28/08)

Records approved without exception

First Presbyterian Church, Wickenburg (3/28/08)

Records approved with the following exceptions:

- No record of action taken regarding the previous review of records
- No record of annual financial audit
- No record of joint annual meeting with Board of Deacons
- No record of annual reports of other organizations
- Certificate of Insurance not reflected in minutes

Sierra Vista Presbyterian Church (4/5/08)

Records approved with the following exceptions:

- No record of action taken regarding the previous review of records
- Certificate of Insurance not reflected in minutes
- No record of Continuing Education for Session

Chandler Presbyterian Church (4/19/08)

Records approved with the following exceptions:

- No record of annual financial audit
- No record of annual reports of other organizations
- Certificate of Insurance not reflected in minutes
- No record of examination of Elders-elect

First Presbyterian Church, Peoria (4/19/08)

Records approved with the following exceptions:

- Mission Statement not included within a 3-year period
- Certificate of Insurance not reflected in minutes

First Presbyterian Church, Sun City (4/19/08)

Records approved with the following exceptions:

- Annual Statistical Report not included on numbered pages
- No record of Examination of Elders-elect

Horizon Presbyterian Church (4/19/08)

Records approved with the following exceptions:

- No record of joint annual meeting with the Board of Deacons
- No record of examination of Elders-elect
- No record of Ordination/Installation of officers
- No record of Continuing Education for Session

Mingus View Presbyterian Church (4/19/08)

Records approved with the following exceptions:

- Certificate of Insurance no reflected in minutes
- No record of examination of Elders-elect

Mountain View Presbyterian Church (4/19/08)

Records approved with the following exceptions:

- Private administration of the Lord's Supper not properly recorded
- Mission Statement not included within a 3-year period
- No record of examination of Elders-elect
- No record of Ordination/Installation of officers

Northminster Presbyterian Church (4/19/08)

Records approved without exception

Westminster Presbyterian Church (4/19/08)

Records approved with the following exceptions:

- Mission Statement not included within a 3-year period
- No record of examination of Elders-elect

B. REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSIONS

The Administrative Commission to install Rev. Nathan Byrd as Pastor to Historic First Presbyterian Church met on Sunday April 6, 2008 at 2:30 p.m. at Historic First Presbyterian Church and did install Rev. Byrd as Pastor.

The Administrative Commission to ordain Candidate William Good as Minister of Word and Sacrament met on Sunday April 13, 2008 at 3:00p.m. at Mountain View Presbyterian Church and did ordain William Good as Minister of Word and Sacrament.

MOTION: The Administrative Commissions be dismissed with thanks and the report of the Administrative Commissions be entered into the minutes of the March 28 -29, 2008 meeting of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon.

C. SYNOD REVIEW OF PRESBYTERY MINUTES

The Synod of the Southwest review of the minutes of its four presbyteries was held on February 11, 2008 in the offices of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon. The results of the review were reported to the synod at its meeting of March 14-15, 2008 for inclusion in the Synod of the Southwest Minutes of the March 14-15, 2008. The report indicates that the Minutes of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon were approved without exception.

D. CHANGE OF CHURCH NAME

The following request has been approved by the session and congregation of Christ Presbyterian Church.

MOTION: The Presbytery concurs in the request of Christ Presbyterian Church to change its name to Christ Presbyterian Church of Goodyear, AZ.

Linda Grace Worsnop
A Statement of Personal Faith
June 7, 2008

I believe in the one true God who is revealed in Jesus Christ, made known to us in the Word of God through the power of the Holy Spirit. We were created in God's image and are called to be stewards of God's creation, the heavens and the earth. As a steward of God's creation and learning from Christ's example, I endeavor to love all of God's people and to strive for justice and peace in the world, serving alongside sisters and brothers of the faith.

In spite of our sinful nature that is often disobedient and prideful, God continues to love us and pursue us with lovingkindness and mercy. It is only through God's immense love for us and God's freely offered grace that we are saved. This grace was expressed through the birth, death, and resurrection of God's only Son, Jesus Christ, who was fully God and fully human. I know I cannot earn my salvation because it is through grace alone that I am saved. I trust that when I accepted God's freely offered grace through faith in Jesus Christ as my Savior, I was given eternal life.

I believe that Holy Scripture is the inspired Word of God that reveals the true and living God, giving evidence of God's constant and abiding love, and of the life, teaching, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As we study the Word of God, it becomes known to us through the work of the Holy Spirit, who abides in us as our comforter and one who guides us in the truth. I also trust in the confessions of the church as further explanations of how God's Word informs our lives.

Through examination of the Scriptures, I understand that there are two Sacraments instituted by God through the example of Jesus: that of Baptism, and the Lord's Supper. I consider these to be signs of the real presence and the power of Jesus Christ. I understand that the use of water in Baptism is a sign and seal that God cleanses us from sin, and receives us into the family of God. The Lord's Supper reconciles and unites all of us as we "Do this in remembrance of Him" and should be celebrated on a regular basis.

I know that God cherishes all of God's people, regardless of age, sex, ethnicity marital condition, or stations in life, and I believe all are welcome to be part of this diverse Body of Christ. It is my privilege to strive for reconciliation in the world and to live my life examining and learning from the Word of God in such a way that others can see the love of Christ in me. With great joy and humility, I consider my chief end in life is to glorify God and enjoy God forever.