

**MINUTES**  
Stated Meeting March 16-17, 2007  
PRESBYTERY OF GRAND CANYON

**1. STATED MEETING**

The Presbytery of Grand Canyon of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) held its March Stated Meeting at Northminster Presbyterian Church in Phoenix. The Friday meeting opened at 4:00 PM with the lighting of the Peace Candle and prayer.

**Call to Order/Prayer/Lighting of the Peace Candle**

The meeting opened at 4:00 PM as Rev. Mae Hicks led in the *Litany for the Middle East* and lighting of the peace candle. The convening prayer was offered by Moderator, Elder Barbara Walker. Special guests, Julia Thorne (from the General Assembly Office of Immigration Issues), Raafat Girgis (from the General Assembly Office of Evangelism and Racial/Cultural Diversity), and Art Mills (Regional Representative from the Board of Pensions) were welcomed. The entire meeting of the presbytery was conducted in the context of Worship and the formal Service of Worship and Agenda Items were combined into one booklet. Special music was provided on Saturday by the Northminster Church choir under the direction of Northminster's Music Director, Robin Peterson. On Friday and Saturday Cynthia Jennison led in the singing of Taizé music. Linda Worsnop and Marilyn Dickson provided accompaniment on guitar and piano. The theme for the two-day meeting was *Listening*.

**2. AGENDA/QUORUM/INTRODUCTIONS**

Those attending for the first time were introduced. Corresponding Members were enrolled. The Stated Clerk was present, a quorum was reported; upon motion the Agenda was approved. No new business was docketed. The Stated Clerk gave a brief review of the materials in the Presbytery Packet.

**3. PROCEDURAL MOTIONS**

Presbytery VOTED that the roll for this meeting be established by the signing of roster sheets at the Registration Desk.

Presbytery VOTED 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.

Presbytery VOTED 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.

Presbytery VOTED that written requests for absences received by the Stated Clerk be approved.

**4. ROLL**

**4.1. CORRESPONDING MEMBERS**

The following Corresponding Members were enrolled:

**Minister**

Raafat Girgis	OGA, Evangelism and Racial/Cultural Diversity
Ken Kemberlin	Southern Kansas
Art Mills	San Diego (BOP)
Julia Thorne	OGA, Office of Immigration Issues

**4.2. MINISTERS PRESENT**

Alvarez, Renato	Citron, Suzanne	Evans, Lloyd
Arbesman, Janet	Clark, Bobbye	Flahiff, John
Baer, Doug	Clark, Robert	Garvin, Woody
Baker, Brant	Clarke, Dennis	Hartwell, Michael
Barklind, John	Courtney, C. Philip	Hawkins, Darren
Berry, Thomas	Dickson, Josephine	Hicks, David
Bigler, Robert	Dye, Douglas	Hicks, Mae
Bybee, David	Eaken, Lawrence	Hodgson, David
Campbell, Arthur	Engstrom, C. Bud	Hodgson, Deanne

Holmes, Ewen  
 Hood, Brandon  
 Houdeshell, Donovan  
 Huusko, David  
 Jennison, Cynthia  
 Johnson, Caleb  
 Johnston III, Robert  
 Joost-Kuhn, Laura  
 Kehle, Deborah  
 Keim, Sue  
 Lineweaver, Thomas  
 MacLeod, Duncan  
 Manning, Marilyn  
 Meredith, Ralph  
 Miles, Mary Jane

Miller, Joan  
 Moe, Kenneth  
 Moe, Michelle  
 Muenich, Karen  
 Murman, Kimberly  
 Noble, James  
 Nord, Alice  
 Nord, Bernard  
 Olagues, José  
 Page, Kenneth  
 Palmer, Theron  
 Park, Francis  
 Parker, Thomas  
 Poling, John  
 Proudfoot, Charles

Pulido, Gloria  
 Rosson, Roland  
 Saylor, Mary  
 Schafer, Mac Henry  
 Schenck, Jed  
 Spence, Edward  
 Swicegood, Terry  
 Vautier, Grif  
 Walker, David Glenn  
 Watkins, W. Gale  
 Wintz, Michael  
 Witte, Cathy  
 Young, Patricia  
 Zabriskie, Richard

**4.3. CHURCHES PRESENT**

Bethany  
 Celebration of Life  
 Chandler  
 Chinle, Trinity  
 Christ  
 Church of the Master  
 Community, Alpine  
 Community, Flagstaff Federated  
 Community, Payson  
 Desert Hills  
 Desert Palms  
 Emmanuel  
 First, Leupp  
 First, Mesa  
 First, Wickenburg  
 First, Sun City  
 First, Yuma  
 Fort Defiance  
 Fountain Hills  
 Ganado  
 Gilbert  
 Heritage  
 Historic First  
 John Calvin  
 Kayenta  
 Kingman  
 Memorial  
 Mingus View  
 Mission del Sol  
 Mountain View  
 Northminster  
 Orangewood  
 Palo Cristi  
 Pinnacle  
 Prescott, Trinity  
 Salt River  
 Scottsdale  
 Sierra Vista  
 Southminster  
 Sunnyslope

Kathryn Owens  
 Gayle Park  
 John Corey, Jim Miller  
 Marilyn Tso  
 Orion Steen  
 Elva Davies  
 Ken Thompson  
 David Chin  
 John Wilson  
 Ronald Hoffman, Jan Bowie  
 Sarah Anderson, Pat Casey, David Montgomery  
 Tom Jenney  
 Calvin Kelly  
 Graham Walker, Robert Schulz  
 Henry Brubaker, Bob McCoy  
 Don Shiverdecker  
 Quaid Smith, Babs Hicks  
 Florence Davis  
 John Bivens  
 Ruth Wauneka  
 Dennis Wilkie  
 Perry McCown  
 Barbara Peterson  
 LaVerne Pietzak  
 Milinda Benallie  
 Bob Campbell  
 Ron Hawkins  
 D. Ronald Fox  
 Judith Campbell  
 Tricia McKnight  
 Robert Brandt  
 Fred Norling  
 Donna Anderson  
 Bill Noyes, Shelly Core  
 Frederic Roberts  
 LaBerta Collins  
 Mary Jo Norton  
 Glen Moss, Mary Ann Holland  
 Gloria Young  
 Willy Zunker

University	Jeanette Miller
Vah-ki	Ike Gonzales
Valley	Eleanore Schafer, Jack Schuler, Miriam Schuler
Verde Valley	JoAnn Towne
Westminster	Debby Holmes

**4.4. COMMISSIONED LAY PASTORS PRESENT**

Roger Davis	Walter Danforth	Paul Jones
Mary Danforth	Danny Halwood	

**4.5. COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT**

Richard Coffelt	Lucinda Michels	Kate Wilmoth
Teri Conrad	Grace Mossman	Gloria Wilson
Ann Lodge	Bill Quigley	
Rochelle Mackey	Shirley Randolph	

**4.6. CERTIFIED CHRISTIAN EDUCATOR PRESENT**

Betty Brazie

**4.7. VISITORS PRESENT**

There were 26 registered visitors present.

**4.8. MINISTERS EXCUSED**

Anderson, David	Fox, Charles	Moser, Paul
Anderson, Fred	Fredrick, John	Moxness, Michael
Anderson, Richard	Fuehrer, Robert	Oppenhuizen, Kathleen
Atchinson, Glenn	Fulton, Helmi	Parker, Gayle
Baxter, Pat	Gephart, Al	Parker, Thomas
Bell, Arthur	Gerber, Ralph	Pfeffer, William
Berg, George	Gray, Barrie	Phillips, Beverly
Bibilioni, José	Hawley, Bernard	Phillips, Norman
Bingaman, G. William	Hayes, William	Porter, Don
Borden, John	Hendrickson, Alexandra	Pratt, Edward
Borhauer, Harold	Hendrickson, Brett	Prichard, Jack
Brahams, Hap	Holloran, Duane	Rae, Robert
Brooks, George	Illingworth, J. Davis	Ramsdell, Richard
Bruening, James	Jacobs, Sr., John	Remer, James
Burtless, Stanford	Jann, Donn	Rhoades, Francis
Byall, Lowell	Jarvis, Troy	Roberts, Margaret
Byers, Harold	Jenkins, Charles	Robertson, John
Calhoun, Paul	Joe, Victor	Roop, David
Carlson, Glenn	Jones, Stanley	Sabbagh, John
Chapman, Robert	Jousan, C. Mike	Sadongei, Martha
Confair, Jay	Kilgore, Wilson	Schlotzhauer, Wesley
Conroy, Floyd	Kim, Kwang	Schumacher, Bruce
Cook, John Coy	Kim, Myung Bae	Sheane, J. Kenneth
Corbett, Cecil	Kush, Gary	Siekmann, Eugene
Corbett, Lawrence	Lefebvre, Eugene	Simmons, Robert
Doh, Joseph	Lippincott, Robert	Sneed, Kenneth
Eckert, Peter	Lodge, David	St. John, Valerie
Ehrhardt, Charles	Martz, Robert	Stenner, Henry
Eisenhower, Laura Grace	Mayes, Robert	Stevens, Charles
Ensley, Jr., Milton	McDaniel, Leo	Sturtevant, Allan
Evans, Lloyd	McPherson, Ian	Thomas, James
Exon, Ina	Melendez, Hipolito	Tilly, Mark
Farwell, Barbara	Micheaels, Gregory	Ulrickson, Paul
Fooks, John	Miller, Jerry	Valle, Paula
Forsberg, David	Miller, Joedd	Van Arsdale, David
Fowler, H. Douglas	Moranville, Thomas	Van Dyke, P. James

Vautier, Holly	Wayne, Richard	Wright, Douglas
Voth, John	White, Frank	Wright, Eugene
Walker, George	White, Haydn	Yost, Wilson
Wallace, David	Williamson, Donald	Young, Alvin
Watkins, Donald W.	Windsor, Charles	
Watkins, William	Wintz, Susan	

**4.9. CHURCHES, ELDER COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED**

Community, Pinetop	
Community, Wellton	Lila Pruitt, Paul Ehler
Pinnacle	Judi Blankenbaker

**4.10. MINISTERS ABSENT**

Argueta-Vogel, Leslie	Mann, Melissa	Reller, Phil
Blincoe, Robert	Miller, Craig	Schlesinger-Devlin, Justin
Davis, Malcolm	Nielsen, Richard	Song, Soik Min
Doh, Helen	Ramirez, Julio	Weir, Kyle
Hart, Floyd	Ramos, G. Derney	Zelle, Trina
Kerber, Keith	Reinhold, Ruth	

**4.11. CHURCHES ABSENT**

Arizona Korean	Faith	Indian Wells
Betania	First, Tuba City	Lehi
Blackwater	Fort McDowell	Maricopa First
Central	Gila Crossing	Mohawk Valley
Crosswinds	Goodyear Village	Parker Valley
Community, Lake Havasu	Guadalupe	Winslow
Community, Springerville	Horizon	

**5. AGENDA Stated Meeting - Presbytery of Grand Canyon  
Northminster Presbyterian Church, Phoenix March 16-17, 2007  
Theme: Listening**

Friday, March 16, 2007

3:00 p.m.	Registration	
4:00 p.m.	<b>ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME</b>	
	- Lighting of the Peace Candle	
	- Convening Prayer.....	Barbara Walker
	- 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 Northminster Presbyterian Church.....	David Huusko
4:30 p.m.	<b>ENGAGING IN GOD'S WORK</b>	
4:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	
4:45 p.m.	Report of Trustees and Council .....	David Hodgson
	- Consent Agenda	
	- Budget Report / Year-end Financial Report	
5:00 p.m.	Executive Presbyter's Report .....	Ken Moe
5:20 p.m.	Committee on Ministry.....	Terry Palmer
	- Board of Pensions .....	Art Mills
5:30 p.m.	Action on Kingman Presbyterian Church Session Overture	
	- Presentation of the Overture.....	Kingman PC Session
	- Recommendation of the Bills and Overtures Committee.....	Commissioner
	- Plan of Mutual Invitation and Dialogue.....	Facilitator
	- Explanation of the provisions of <i>Robert's Rules of Order</i> .....	Stated Clerk
	- Presentation of Motion.....	Bills and Overtures Committee

- \* 5:55 p.m. Recess
- 6:00 p.m. **CELEBRATING COMMUNITY**  
*SHARE OUR RESOURCES THROUGH THE CENTS-ABILITY OFFERING*
- 7:00 p.m. **ENGAGING IN GOD'S WORK**
- 7:00 p.m. Mutual Invitation/Dialogue/Discernment..... Small Group Discussion
- 8:30 p.m. **THE PRESBYTERY IN WORSHIP AND PRAYER**
- 8:30 p.m. **Taizé Worship**
- 9:00 p.m. Recess to Saturday Morning - March 17, 2007 at 8:30 a.m.

Saturday March 17, 2007

- 8:30 a.m. **ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**  
Call to Order with Prayer.....Barbara Walker
- \* 8:30 a.m. **ENGAGING IN GOD'S WORK**
- 8:30 a.m. Praise and Worship.....Theology and Worship Committee
- 9:00 a.m. Voting on Proposed Amendments to the Constitution.....Bills and Overture
- 9:30 a.m. Social Justice and Peacemaking ..... Teri Conrad  
- Presentation of George Brooks Award to Phil and Lorie Gates
- 9:45 a.m. Nominations Committee Report..... Cindy Michels
- 9:50 a.m. Women's Ministries .....Joan Fenton  
- Domestic Violence
- 10:00 a.m. Social Justice and Peacemaking ..... Teri Conrad  
- Churchwide Study Document on Serious Mental Illness
- 10:05 a.m. Preparation for Ministry Committee..... Pat Baxter  
- Enrollment of Inquirer as Candidate – Kyle Schmidt (Mountain View)
- 10:25 a.m. Unfinished Business .....Barbara Walker  
New Business  
Expression of Thanks
- 10:35 a.m. PCUSA Immigration History ..... Julia Thorne
- 11:20 a.m. Celebration of the Lord's Supper
- 11:50 a.m. **GO IN GOD'S NAME**  
Closing Prayer  
Adjournment.....Barbara Walker

- \* 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)*

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

There was none.

**7. WELCOME**

Presbyters were welcomed to Northminster Presbyterian Church by Rev. David Huusko who shared some background on the church. In addition to their Sunday Worship Service, an experimental weeknight Worship Service is being offered on Thursdays at 5:00 PM that is reaching out to people in their 20's-40's, called The Lab. The weeknight service is drawing those in the community who are seeking a less structured Worship experience.

**8. SIDEKICKS' GATHERING**

It was announced that the Sidekicks' Gathering was about to begin.

**9. CHOIR REHEARSAL**

The Choir Rehearsal was so appreciated at the November Stated Meeting that once again presbyters joined together to practice the music, this time under the direction of Rev. Cynthia Jennison, that would be sung throughout the meeting. The Taizé movement began in a Christian community in France in the 1940s and was popular in the United States in the 1970s. The Taizé Service focuses on praise for Jesus Christ and God and is designed to help one's spirit be able to grow deeper and to commune with God.

## **10. CONSENT AGENDA**

### **10.1. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**

The Consent Agenda includes the Report of the Council/Trustees' February 1, and March 1, 2007 Stated Meetings (10.2.) the Report of the Committee on Ministry (10.3.) and the Report of the Stated Clerk (10.4.). Before vote was taken for approval of the Consent Agenda, opportunity was given to remove any item for discussion.

The report on the formation of the Ganado Administrative Commission was withdrawn for discussion (from the Report of the Stated Clerk). Presbytery APPROVED the remaining items on the Consent Agenda as presented. After opportunity for discussion, the report on the formation of the Ganado Administrative Commission was also APPROVED as presented.

### **10.2. REPORT OF COUNCIL/TRUSTEES**

#### **Report of the Annual Retreat and February 1, 2007 Meeting of Council/Trustees**

The Council of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon met for its Annual Retreat and Stated February Meeting at Valley Presbyterian Church, Paradise Valley beginning at 10:30 AM. A quorum was present.

#### **COUNCIL RETREAT**

##### Service of Worship and Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Council members met at 10:30 AM in the Chapel for a service of worship which began with the singing of "O Lord of Every Shining Constellation". David Hodgson welcomed everyone and shared his vision for the building of relationships in the year ahead. He highlighted the importance of holding presbytery and each other in prayer throughout the year. In response to prayer concerns shared by members of Council, David Hodgson offered prayers as had been requested. The Message text was Jeremiah 1:4-10, "The Call of Jeremiah" and Rev. Hodgson's message centered on the requirements of leadership. The hymn, "Here, O Lord, We See You Face to Face" was sung and the Lord's Supper was celebrated by Intinction. Following Communion, Council members formed a circle around the communion table, holding hands and singing "Amazing Grace". David Hodgson offered the benediction and people were invited to proceed to the Calvin Center on the church campus for lunch and the remainder of the retreat.

##### Welcome and Introductions

David Hodgson welcomed everyone to the Council Retreat as they entered the Calvin Center; people were seated at four round tables. In the time for introductions of those around the room, in addition to their name, each person present was asked to tell one funny thing about themselves. This process of introduction provided an initial opportunity to get to know one another better and to begin community building. Later on in the meeting, each person was asked to share in one word or short phrase of what their responsibility was on the Council.

##### Materials Provided

Each person was given a packet of materials to help in their work for the year ahead, including an updated presbytery directory (still in process of being updated and printed for distribution at the March Presbytery Meeting), request for directory information to return to Marcia McCabe at the presbytery office, a listing of Restricted Fund Accounts, Bylaws and Standing Rules of the Presbytery, Council Members' Commitments to Each Other guidelines, and other resource information. David Hodgson shared some of his hopes for the year ahead and Dick Coffelt briefly reviewed some of the operating procedure guidelines for the Council.

##### Presentation by Discernment Team

Cynthia Jennison, Doug Baer and Shelly Moe led the Council in a session to experience the process of Mutual Invitation which has been found helpful in facilitating sharing and discussion in a multicultural setting. They are members of the Discernment Team formed by the Committee on Ministry and Theology and Worship Committee for helping the presbytery to discern and live out the recommendations of the Theological Task Force on Peace, Unity and Purity. A section of the DVD created by the Theological Task Force on Peace, Unity and Purity was viewed and then each group was instructed to select a leader and a recorder. The recorder was given a large sheet

of newsprint and a marker. The leader was asked to welcome everyone in the group and begin the session with prayer. To sample the process of Mutual Invitation, participants were asked to share their name, home church and the committee they were representing on the Presbytery Council. In a second round, they were also asked to share something new and something good that has happened since the beginning of the year. Each group then read aloud, together, the Mission Statement of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon and then paused for a moment of silence and prayerful listening of the Holy Spirit. In the third question phase, the recorder took notes of the responses as participants were asked to share ways in which they could see themselves and their committee contributing to the work of the Mission Statement. When each table had completed the process, the participants came back together in one group to share observations about the process of Mutual Invitation and to review what to expect in the March Presbytery Meeting. The Theological Prologue of the Report of the Theological Task Force on Peace Unity and Purity will be included in the Call to the March Presbytery Meeting. Council members were encouraged to read the prologue in advance of the March Presbytery Meeting; a link will be available on the presbytery website: <http://www.pcusa.org/peaceunitypurity/finalreport/final-report-revised-english.pdf>

## **COUNCIL MEETING**

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Shirley Randolph reviewed the Financial Report as of January 31, 2007, which reflected a year-to-date income of \$135,805.98 and expense of \$117,380.65 resulting in a difference of \$18,425.33. She also called attention to the report of 2007 Mission Pledges which reflects a total of \$317,289 pledged to date. The financial report for January did not show a breakdown for Hispanic Ministries or Native American Ministries, as those budgets had not yet been received by the Budget Committee.

### **TRUSTEES**

The Council recessed and David Hodgson convened the Trustees.

The Trustees VOTED approval of the following item:

Corporate Resolution – RESOLVED: That the persons named in the document titled “2007 Officers of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon Corporation” by Bylaw B-4-5.0500 (a)(b)(c) and SR 5.31, are authorized under those provisions to act on behalf of the Board of Trustees in real estate matters during the 2007 calendar year and through February 2008.

The Trustees recessed and the Council Meeting was reconvened.

### **APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENT FROM RESTRICTED FUNDS**

Restricted Fund #22209 in the amount of \$9,214.42 had been created for Guadalupe's Head Start Program years ago and was made up of funds received from Guadalupe to cover rent. Now that Guadalupe no longer has a Head Start Program, the session is requesting the monies from that fund to be released back to them. After opportunity for discussion, the Council VOTED to release the funds from Restricted Fund #22209 to Guadalupe Presbyterian Church.

### **GANADO ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION**

The formation of the Ganado Administrative Commission is in progress as approved by Presbytery at the November Stated Meeting. The roster of members will be confirmed soon and plans are under way for an orientation to the work of an administrative commission.

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

Dick Coffelt offered highlights of plans for the March Presbytery Meeting and instructed Council Chairpersons to contact him regarding requests for time of the docket. Julia Thorne, Manager for Immigration Issues/Immigration Counsel of the PC(USA) will be the guest speaker at the March Presbytery Meeting. Her presentation will focus on the history of the PC(USA) with respect to immigration.

### **REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER**

As has been discussed previously, in the process of selling the Covenant Church property, it was discovered that there were two outstanding PILP loans, one from 1946 and one from 1949. PILP has sent a list of 16 churches in the presbytery with such loans attached; one goes back to 1911, one from 1921 and a group from the 1970's. If we would be in a position to sell any of those properties, proceeds could be reduced significantly. No money is due on those loans unless the church property is sold.

### **PHIL GATES TRIAL RESULTS**

The trial of the 16 SOA defendants was conducted in federal magistrate court in Columbus, GA Monday, January 29th. Phil Gates received a sentence of 60 days.

### **OTHER ACTION ITEMS**

#### **PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF THE COVENANT PROPERTY**

Regarding the use of the proceeds from the sale of the Covenant property, on recommendation from the Planning and Development Committee and after opportunity for discussion, Council APPROVED the following Motion:

To tithe 10 percent (approximately \$47,500) to the Endowment and invest the balance (approximately \$427,500) for one year in a separate Certificate of Deposit or similar instrument to be determined by Barbara Walker, Moderator of Presbytery; David Hodgson, Moderator of Council; Art Campbell, Moderator-elect; Shirley Randolph, Treasurer; and Ken Moe, Executive Presbyter. Interest from the proposed separate investment will be placed in the Endowment. During said year, the Planning and Development Committee will investigate and evaluate proposals for investment of the Covenant proceeds as well as develop strategies to increase the size of the Endowment with the goal to take it to a level that will support presbytery ministry.

#### **NOMINATIONS REPORT**

On recommendation from the Nominations Committee, Council APPROVED the following slate of people to serve on Presbytery Committees. These names will be presented at the March Meeting to ask Presbytery to ratify.

#### **Social Justice and Peacemaking**

Leland Wilson (2007), Rev. Mae Hicks (2009)

#### **Women's Ministries**

Class of 2009: Christie Hartwell (Crosswinds); Heidi Longwell (Memorial) replacing Marilyn Greene; Wanda Schneider (Wickenburg) replacing Mary Jane Miles.

#### **Preparation for Ministry**

Rev. Alexandra Hendrickson (2007)

#### **REQUEST TO USE THE LOGO OF THE PRESBYTERY**

Renato Alvarez distributed a sample of a newsletter that is being developed for the Agua Fria Food Bank which showed the Presbytery logo at the upper left of the cover page. While this was not a request of the Agua Fria Food Bank Board, Renato was exploring the possibility of using the Presbytery logo without the words "Presbytery of Grand Canyon" as part of the heading of the newsletter. After a discussion of the possible ramifications of using the logo for this purpose, Council VOTED to disapprove the use of the logo in this way. Cynthia Jennison has offered to work with Renato in developing a distinctive logo for the Agua Fria Food Bank newsletter.

#### **SYNOD COMMISSIONER TO FILL UNEXPIRED TERM**

A minister member is needed to fill an unexpired term as a Synod Commissioner to replace Mary Jane Miles in the class of 2008. After opportunity for discussion, and on recommendation of the Nominations Committee, Council APPROVED that the Chair of Council appoint an Alternate Commissioner to the Synod of the Southwest for the class of 2008.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on Thursday March 1, 2007 at the Interchurch Center.

### **ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 PM; Council members formed a circle in alphabetical order (by middle name) and went around the circle to share their middle names, Barbara Walker gave the closing prayer.

### **March 1, 2007 Meeting of Council/Trustees**

The Council of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon met for its Stated March Meeting at the Interchurch Center, Phoenix beginning at 12:20 PM. (Lunch was served in progressive style with a vegetarian first course served before the meeting; at 12:41 PM there was a seven-minute intermission for Council members to pick up their dessert lasagna before the meeting reconvened.) A quorum was present. Rev. David Hodgson opened the meeting with the Lord's Prayer and a brief reflection "We are the body of Christ" from 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians Chapter 12 "One Body Many Parts". In response to prayer concerns shared by members of Council, David Hodgson offered prayers as had been requested. An invitation to this meeting had been extended to Neal Christenson, Chairperson of the Board of Directors for Agua Fria Food Bank and there was an opportunity for introductions around the table.

### **COUNCIL/TRUSTEES**

The Minutes of the January 4, 2007 Meeting of Council/Trustees were APPROVED as presented. After one revision to the Minutes of the February 1, 2007 Annual Retreat and Stated February Meeting (Barbara Walker gave the closing prayer), the Minutes were APPROVED.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Shirley Randolph reviewed the Financial Report as of February 28, 2007 which reflected a year-to-date income of \$250,127.52 and expense of \$216,289.83 resulting in a difference of \$33,837.69. She also called attention to the report of Mission Pledges which shows that many churches have yet to turn in their pledges for 2007. The Stewardship, Mission and Communications Development Committee will be sending reminders to churches who have not yet pledged. The Treasurer's Report was received with thanks.

### **AGUA FRIA FOOD BANK**

Rev. Renato Alvarez introduced Neal Christenson, Chairperson of the Agua Fria Food Bank's Board of Directors. Mr. Christenson expressed thanks for the opportunity to address Council and invited members of Council to visit Agua Fria. He extended a special invitation to David Hodgson to attend the meetings of their Board. In his report to the Council he provided an overview of Agua Fria's progress of forming a Board of Directors, filing Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, and becoming a 501c3 in the State of Arizona (as of March 2005). He expressed the Board's desire to be a part of Council and to report on a quarterly basis. Agua Fria is working to extend its ministry to a second location in Tonopah. They are pursuing avenues for the future purchase of land for a future site. Neal Christenson expressed the Board's desire to meet with the Presbytery's Personnel Committee about the possibility of becoming involved with Renato's personnel evaluation. He distributed a Financial Statement for the period of January through February 2007. After his report, there was an opportunity for questions.

Council Meeting Recessed. Trustees' Meeting was convened.

### **TRUSTEE ITEMS**

#### **Christ Presbyterian Church**

On recommendation of the Property Committee, Trustees APPROVED the application by Christ Presbyterian Church for a mortgage loan from Meridian Bank in the amount of \$1,500,000, terms to be 7.75% interest, 15-year amortization with a 10-year review and renewal. This is for construction of the sanctuary.

Trustees Meeting recessed. Council Reconvened.

### **EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER'S REPORT**

Ken Moe referred to the following documents that were in the Council Packet:

Letter to Senators Jon Kyl and John McCain; Congressmen Trent Franks, Raul Grijalva, Harry Mitchell, Rick Renzi, Jeff Flake, Ed Pastor, John Shadegg; and Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords dated February 19, 2007 from Arizona faith community leaders, who “concerned for the moral well-being of our community, join together to call upon you to support comprehensive immigration reform legislation that establishes a safe and humane immigration system.” Among the ecumenical faith community represented by those who signed the letter, three are Presbyterian, Ken Moe, Jan DeVries, and Stuart Taylor.

#### Presbytery Staffing Assignments

David Daehler will speak to staff assignments during the Personnel Committee Report.

#### Staffing Models for Grand Canyon Presbytery: 1998-2007 and Grand Canyon Presbytery Budget Comparisons 1998-2007

This information on staffing models and budget comparisons was prepared for use in the February Meeting that Ken attended in Albuquerque on the Viability of Middle Governing Bodies. Ken called attention to the difference in funding of Native American mission support from 1998 to 2007. In 1998 \$294,359 provided support for 10 Ministers of Word and Sacrament and 5 Commissioned Lay Pastors (CLPs). In 2007 the line item is \$168,000, which supports 2 Ministers and 5 CLPs.

Ken observed that preliminary membership figures for 2006 reveal that many Native American congregations had significant decreases in membership rolls. In his view, this is directly attributable to not having fulltime ministers serving those congregations. A Council conversation followed on the correlation between providing fulltime pastoral leadership and the size and health of congregations.

For new members of Council, Ken gave an overview of the ongoing conversation regarding restructure of the Synod of the Southwest and the considerations of the reduction and eventual elimination of Mission Partnership Funds.

The report of the Executive Presbyter was received with gratitude.

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

#### **Statistical Report**

While some churches have not yet filed their statistical information for 2006, current figures indicate that Memorial Presbyterian Church had the largest increase in membership, followed by Christ Presbyterian Church and then Arizona Korean Church. It is interesting that two of the three largest increases were Christ Presbyterian Church which relocated further out to the growing west side and is in process of preparing to build their new facility, and Arizona Korean Presbyterian Church which purchased the former Christ Church property. The total membership in Grand Canyon Presbytery has dipped below 16,000 members.

#### **Pre-Presbytery Workshop**

At the March Stated Meeting, the presbytery will be voting on a proposed rewrite of Chapter 14 of the *Book of Order*. Dick Coffelt is offering a pre-presbytery workshop for anyone who would like to learn more about the issues.

#### **Synod Review of Records**

Dick Coffelt reported on the Synod Review of Records which took place on February 28<sup>th</sup> and showed the official record book in which the life of the presbytery is represented.

### **REPORT OF ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE FOR CONGREGATIONAL RESOURCING**

In lieu of a written report, José highlighted his experiences in serving Yarnell Presbyterian Church as pulpit supply and in their efforts to become financially stable. The congregation is working toward congregational transformation and is excited about the growth of the church family and the growth of the surrounding community. José's comments were as a prologue for the action item from the Evangelism and Church Development Committee.

**REPORT OF INTERIM ASSOCIATE FOR NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES**

A Mission Bus Trip is being organized in conjunction with the Stewardship, Mission and Communications Development Committee. The event is Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM and will offer information about Morning Star Presbyterian Church from Rev. John Poling, and a visit to the Fort McDowell PC, and Salt River PC. The day will begin and end at Memorial Presbyterian Church in Phoenix. He expressed appreciation for the work that Janet Andrews has done with the Native American Ministries Committee. All Native Indian churches are struggling; but they have vision and are persevering in the midst of challenges. Norma McCabe will be serving Kayenta and Tuba City Churches on a part-time basis. Cook School is gearing up to develop support programs for churches.

**NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES COMMITTEE**

As she indicated in her annual report to the Presbytery, Janet Andrews highlighted the difficulty for committee members to gather with challenges of distance and climate. She suggested that the committee needs to consider subcommittees for the northern and southern areas with the opportunity for coming together at one or two meetings. Pastoral care issues are of concern. It is difficult to keep a congregation together without consistent leadership. She expressed gratitude for Rev. Cynthia Jennison's participation with Maricopa First, Salt River and Lehi.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PRESBYTERY'S ANNUAL STATED MEETING**

Acting on its delegated authority, the Presbytery Council APPROVED the Minutes of the Annual Stated Meeting of January 20, 2007 as presented.

**SYNOD CONSULTATION**

Rocky Mackey, Barbara Walker, Cindy Michels and Shirley Randolph shared insights from the February Synod Consultation. They appreciated hearing stories from the other presbyteries in our synod and learning about the issues we share in common. The meeting was an opportunity for the four presbyteries to be in fellowship and learn from each other.

**MEETING ON VIABILITY OF MIDDLE GOVERNING BODIES**

The meeting was facilitated by Gil Randall, a consultant from the Alban Institute. The purpose of the meeting was to look at the economic viability of having Synods and Presbyteries, given the financial realities. If we have both synod and presbyteries, then how do we structure them? While that was the underlying reason for the meeting, this initial meeting focused on community building exercises – so the key questions were never really addressed. There will be subsequent meetings to get to the core issues and problem solving. Out of 173 presbyteries, in terms of membership, Grand Canyon is the 46<sup>th</sup> largest. However, in terms of members of clergy, Grand Canyon is the 20<sup>th</sup> largest.

**MARCH 16-17, 2007 PRESBYTERY MEETING**

A discussion was held of plans for the upcoming presbytery meeting. A sign-up sheet was passed around the table for Council members to register as small group leaders for the March 16-17<sup>th</sup> Presbytery Meeting.

**UPDATE ON PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF THE COVENANT PROPERTY**

Shirley Randolph reported that 10% of the proceeds went to the Endowment Fund as reflected on page 11 of the Financial Report. The balance was put in a separate money market account, yielding just under 5 percent. As the goal is to see the funds grow as much as possible, and there may be opportunities to do more with a six-month Certificate of Deposit, Shirley asked for guidance from the Council for the authority to change the vehicle of investment as needed with proper accountability. After opportunity for discussion, Council AUTHORIZED Shirley Randolph in consultation with Ken Moe and Barbara Walker to place the funds in a Certificate of Deposit. After further discussion, it was determined that interest disbursement to the Endowment Fund would be annually. The Planning Committee will revisit this at year-end.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

David Hodgson 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. After opportunity for discussion, 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.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **EVANGELISM AND CHURCH DEVELOPMENT**

#### **Pre-Presbytery Event**

From 10 AM to 3 PM on Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at Northminster Presbyterian Church, the Committee will be offering a workshop on Evangelism 101 led by Rev. Raafat Girgis from the PC(USA). Details will be included in the Call to the Meeting.

### **YARNELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

After opportunity for discussion, Council APPROVED the recommendation of the Evangelism and Church Development Committee to forward the Yarnell Congregational Transformation Grant proposal in the amount of \$50,000.00 to GA for consideration at the next meeting of its Mission Development Resource Committee.

### **TASK FORCE AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS**

Rev. David Hodgson reported that he has made appointments to the Disaster Relief Task Force and to the Ganado Administrative Commission. Rev. Laura Joost-Kuhn has accepted the invitation to serve as a Commissioner to Synod.

### **COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY**

Rev. Terry Palmer highlighted the information that was presented in the written report of the Actions taken at the Committee's January and February Meetings.

### **SOCIAL JUSTICE AND PEACEMAKING COMMITTEE**

Phil and Lorie Gates have been selected by the Committee to receive the George Brooks Award. They will be able to be present for the meeting.

### **THEOLOGY AND WORSHIP COMMITTEE**

Taizé will be the style of worship for the March Presbytery Meeting. Listening is the meeting's theme. The Committee's goal is to offer themes and a variety of worship styles throughout the year. In June the Committee hopes to offer a musical Pentecost experience.

### **STEWARDSHIP, MISSION AND COMMUNICATIONS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Council members were asked to look at the Financial Report and see if their church is current in its pledge. An update was also given on the sub-committee on Africa and their work in partnership with the ministry in Tete Province and Mozambique.

### **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

David Daehler referred to the Staff Assignments for the Presbytery Committees and explained the efforts of the Personnel Committee to identify staff assignment for resourcing committees in a more formal way.

### **JUNE PRESBYTERY MEETING**

Council APPROVED the invitation from the Session of Orangewood Presbyterian Church to host the June 9, 2007 Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon.

### **TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

On recommendation of David Hodgson, Council APPROVED to begin future Council Meetings at 12:00 PM. Council APPROVED to dispense with the April Council Meeting with the understanding that if Trustee Items need action in April, they could be handled by Conference Call. The next meeting of Council is Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, at the Interchurch Center.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:41 PM; Barbara Walker gave the closing prayer.

**10.3. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY**

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:

January 23, 2007

**1. Miles**

Approved the Pastoral Call of the Rev. Mary Jane Miles as Pastor to the Papago United Presbyterian Church of Sells, Arizona effective February 1, 2007 and transfer the membership of Rev. Miles from the Presbytery of Grand Canyon to Presbytery de Cristo upon the date of her reception into the membership of de Cristo Presbytery. Terms of Call are reported as follows:

Salary	\$30,086	Full Medical / Pension	As Required by the BOP
Manse/Utilities	12,894	Vacation	Four Weeks
Study Allow.*	900	Study Leave	Two Weeks
Travel *	\$0.40 per mile	Full Moving Costs	

\* Vouchered

**2. Hood**

Approved the Pastoral Call, previously approved by the congregation at its called meeting of January 7, 2007, of Candidate for Minister of Word and Sacrament Brandon Hood, whose examination for ordination was sustained at the January 20, 2007 Annual Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon, as Associate Pastor for Family and Young Adult Ministries at Valley Presbyterian Church:

Salary and Housing	\$53,000	Pension/Medical	As required by BOP
Auto Allowance *	3,000	Medical Ins. Deductible	\$3,000
Expense Allowance *	1,000	Vacation	One Month Per Policy
Study Allowance *	2,000	Study Leave	Two Weeks

\* = Vouchered

All EEO Requirements have been met

**3. Hendrickson**

Approved the Interim Pastor Agreement between the Rev. Alexandra Hendrickson and the Session of Horizon Presbyterian Church for a period of one year effective December 12, 2006 on the following terms:

Salary	42,895	Pension	As required by the BOP
Housing	5,000	Study Leave	Two Weeks
Prof Exp *	3,000	Vacation	One Month Per Policy
Social Sec Offset	3,650	* Vouchered	

**4. Moderator Appointments**

Approved the following as Moderator to the Session as noted:

- Salt River Presbyterian Church – Martha Sadongei

February 27, 2007

**1. Geils Nord**

Approved renewal of the Interim Associate Pastor Agreement between Rev. Alice Geils Nord and the Session of Faith Presbyterian Church for a period of one year effective January 1, 2007, subject to 60 days notice of termination, on the following terms:

Salary	\$47,086	Medical / Pension	As Required by the BOP
Housing	\$15,960	Study Leave	Two Weeks
Travel	\$ 700*	Vacation:	One Month per policy
Books	500*	Study Allow.	\$ 750
* Vouchered		Medical Supplement	1,000

**2. Eaken**

Approved the Interim Pastor Agreement between the Rev. Larry Eaken and the Session of Chandler Presbyterian Church for a period of (7) seven months effective January 1, 2007 subject to 45 days notice of termination, on the following terms:

Salary	\$23,290.00	Medical / Pension	As Required by the BOP
Housing	26,240.00	Study Leave	Two Weeks
Travel	1,680.00 *	Vacation:	One Month Per Policy
Study Allow	1,000.00 *		
Prof. Allow	800.00 *		

\*= Vouchered

**3. Hicks**

Approved the Stated Supply Pastor Agreement between the Rev. David Hicks and the Session of Memorial Presbyterian Church for a period of one year effective January 1, 2007 on the following terms:

Salary	30,000	Pension	As Required by the BOP
Housing	19,000	Study Leave	Two Weeks
Study Leave *	500	Vacation	One Month Per Policy
403(b)	2,000	Medical Deductible *	3,000

\*Vouchered

**4. McCabe**

Approved the Stated Supply Pastor Agreement between the Rev. Norma McCabe and the Sessions of Kayenta Presbyterian Church and Tuba City Presbyterian Church to share Pastoral Services on an equal financial basis for a period of one year effective February 1, 2007 subject to 30 days notice of termination on the following terms (each Session to share equally in the following terms):

Salary	31,000	Pension 0	Moving \$600 (Tuba City Only)
Manse	Provided at Each location including utilities and telephone	Study Leave	Two Weeks
Study Leave *	600	Vacation	One Month Per Policy
Auto/Travel	5,000	Medical Deductible *	3,000

\*Vouchered

**5. Clark**

Approved the Stated Supply Pastor Agreement between the Rev. Bobbye Clark and the Session of Verde Valley Presbyterian Church effective February 15, 2007 on a Part-time basis for a period of one year with 30 days notice of termination and on the following terms:

Salary/Housing	24,000	Pension / Medical	As required by the BOP
Auto Allow.	1,800	Study Leave	Two Weeks
Study Leave *	250	Vacation	One Month Per Policy
*Vouchered		Medical Deductible *	600

**6. Reinhold and Hood**

Approved the Administrative Commission to install Rev. Ruth Reinhold and Rev. Brandon Hood as Associate Pastors to Valley Presbyterian Church on Sunday March 18, 2007 at 3:00 p.m., with authority granted to the Partner/Cluster to approve the names of those serving on the Commission.

**7. Moderator Appointments**

Approved the following as Moderator to the Session as noted:  
 First Presbyterian Church, Wickenburg – Cynthia Jennison

**8. Administrative Commission to Install the Rev. Ruth Reinhold and the Rev. Brandon Hood**

The Committee on Ministry at its February 27, 2007 meeting, acting on its delegated authority, approved the Administrative Commission to install Rev. Ruth Reinhold and Rev. Brandon Hood as Associate Pastors to Valley Presbyterian Church on Sunday March 18, 2007 at 3:00 p.m. with authority granted to the Partner/Cluster members of COM to appoint the names of those to serve on the Commission. The following persons have been appointed to serve:

Ministers

Woody Garvin

David Huusko

Fran Park

Tom Parker

Elders

Barbara Walker, Moderator (First, Mesa)

Dick Coffelt (Valley)

Bill Quigley (Fountain Hills)

Ted Stump (Valley)

Corresponding Member

Rev. Dr. Randy Young, Presbytery of San Francisco

**10.4. REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK****A. Ganado Administrative Commission**

At its November 11, 2006 Stated Meeting the Presbytery of Grand Canyon approved the formation of the Ganado Administrative Commission and authorized the then Moderator of the Presbytery Rev. David Hodgson to name the persons to serve. Rev. Hodgson has named the following persons and they have agreed to serve:

Elder Nan Campbell, Chair (Desert Hills)

Elder Karen Hopper (Crosswinds)

Elder Bob Lewis (Central)

Rev. Ken Moe, Executive Presbyter (Ex-Officio)

Rev. Fran Park (HR and Pastor Emeritus of Faith Presbyterian Church)

Elder Ann Poulos (Horizon)

Rev. Chuck Proudfoot (Pastor, Payson Community)

Elder Don Swanson (Valley)

Elder Merlin Yazzie (Ganado)

A convening meeting of the Ganado Administrative Commission was facilitated by the Stated Clerk on March 14, 2007. The Commission was welcomed by Rev. Hodgson who gave words of encouragement and expressed thanks for each member's willingness to offer their time and talents to this important endeavor. The Stated Clerk oriented the members to the work of administrative commissions and the responsibilities they have on behalf of the presbytery. Following a time of orientation, Nan Campbell as Commission Chair led commission members in a discussion of the development of a work plan, recruitment of additional members with appropriate expertise, and tentative timetable for periodic reporting of the commission's work to the presbytery.

**B. Synod Review of Presbytery Records**

At the March 9-10, 2007 Meeting of the Synod of the Southwest, the Minutes of Grand Canyon from January 21, 2006 – November 11, 2006 were approved without exception.

**C. Summary of Statistics Sent to GA for 2006**

The Presbytery of Grand Canyon has submitted its 2006 Annual Report of Ministerial Changes and Annual Statistical Report of the "Session Annual and Congregational Annual Reports" to the Office of the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Presbytery APPROVED that the Summary of Statistics sent to the General Assembly for 2006 from the Presbytery of Grand Canyon be entered into the minutes of the March 16-17, 2007 Stated Meeting.

**SUMMARY OF STATISTICS SENT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR 2006**

**PRESBYTERY OF GRAND CANYON**

**I. MINISTERIAL CHANGES**

January 1- December 31, 2006

**LOSSES**

Necrology	3
Dismissed – Presbyterian	10
Dismissed – Denomination	0
Other Removals	0
<b>TOTAL LOSSES</b>	<b>13</b>

**GAINS**

Received – Presbyteries	8
Ordained	1
Received – Denominations	1
Restored	0
<b>TOTAL GAINS</b>	<b>10</b>

**MINISTERS ON ROLL**

January 1, 2006	212
December 31, 2006	209

**II. INQUIRERS / CANDIDATES**

Inquirers on Roll 12/31/06	9
Candidates on Roll 12/31/06	14

**III. CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICS**

**MEMBERSHIP**

Active Members 1/1/06 16,277

**Gains by Profession**

17 and under	157
18 and over	523
Certificate	382
Other Gains	85

**Losses**

Certificate	258
Death	371
Other	807

Total Active 12/31/06 15,988

**IV. FINANCIAL STATISTICS**

**RECEIPTS**

Regular Contributions	16,696,314
Capital/Building	4,471,348
Investments	896,008
Bequests	1,257,388
Other Income	2,244,415
Subsidy	135,074
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>25,700,547</b>

**III. CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICS**  
**BAPTISMS**

Children	246
Adult	77

**OFFICERS**

Male Elders	293
Female Elders	295
Male Deacons	231
Female Deacons	527

**COMPOSITION**

Active Membership	
Asian	296
Black	256
Hispanic	151
Native American	343
White	14029
Other	7

**III. CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICS**

**Session Membership**

Asian	5
Black	18
Hispanic	4
Native American	51
White	481
Other	0

**Deacon Membership**

Asian	94
Black	14
Hispanic	10
Native American	18
White	590
Other	1

**EXPENDITURES**

Local Programs	15,929,244
Local Mission	1,027,343
Capital Expenditures	2,232,845
Investments	1,021,748
Per Capita	438,816
Validated Mission	1,041,050
Theological Education	23,755
Other Mission	228,286
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>21,714,801</b>

**11. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER**

Rev. Ken Moe's Report reflected on the loss of members within mainline denominations and the aging of our Presbyterian congregations. As of the end of 2006, the presbytery again shows a net loss in members, down almost 300 from 2005, which was down about 200 from 2004. Over the years Ken has attended worship in hundreds of Presbyterian churches, from New Jersey to Honolulu, including all the chartered churches in this presbytery. He has also experienced worship in other mainline congregations, including Methodist, Lutheran, Episcopal, United Church of Christ, and Disciples of Christ, as well as Catholic masses. He has been to Pentecostal, evangelical, progressive, contemporary, traditional, liturgical, non-liturgical, and healing and anointing services. Through all the differences in worship, he has generally found something familiar and comforting in the content of these services of worship. In the last decade he has also observed the aging of our Presbyterian congregations. Everywhere he goes around the presbytery, he sees mostly older adults in worship, far more than any other generational group. There are adults in their twenties, thirties, and forties present in some of our congregations, but they rarely form the largest block of worshipers, even in contemporary services. He began to wonder how universal this phenomenon might be and last fall he began to investigate some of the churches at the peripheries of denominational Christianity. His report described what he has learned and the full text of his report may be found at: [www.pbygrandcanyon.org/pdfs/exec\\_pres\\_report/epr\\_march07.pdf](http://www.pbygrandcanyon.org/pdfs/exec_pres_report/epr_march07.pdf)

**12. COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY REPORT****12.1. Board of Pensions Report**

Rev. Art Mills, Regional Representative from the Board of Pensions (BOP) for the Synods of Southwest, Southern California and Hawaii made a presentation on the BOP. The Board's purpose is to provide the best possible benefits for pastors, missionaries, lay workers and their families. The pension fund is fully funded to meet all pension obligations. Rev. Mills cautioned pastors and treasurers to report increases in a pastor's effective salary as effective salary and increases form the basis for some benefits, including pension and death and disability. To encourage broader participation in preventive care, the BOP has expanded its Preventive Incentive initiative, inviting all Plan members (age 50 and above), and their spouses (age 50 and above), to join in the 2007-2008 Preventive Incentive which pays a \$100 incentive to Plan members who meet the eligibility criteria and complete a preventive health examination, appropriate medical tests and screenings.

On March 3, the directors of The Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) determined that sufficient reserves were available in the Pension Plan and the Death and Disability Plan as a result of cumulative favorable investment and actuarial experience so that they could grant: a 3.7% experience apportionment increase in retirement and survivor's pension benefits for members and eligible survivors receiving pension benefits on July 1, 2007; a 3.7% increase in pension credits accrued as of December 31, 2006, for active, disabled, and vested terminated members of the Pension Plan on July 1, 2007; and a 4.0% increase in disability benefits for disabled members receiving benefits on December 31, 2006. These permanent increases in benefits will be effective July 1, 2007, and reported as Benefits Plan amendments to the 218th General Assembly (2008). The Board also approved a disability benefit increase which helps prevent the erosion of disability benefits through inflation. The directors consider the adequacy of the contingency reserve as well as the annual change in cost of living and the rate at which the incomes of active church workers are increasing. Most employment-related disability plans do not include a cost-of-living adjustment.

The BOP website has helpful information about health and wholeness and they recently introduced *Mayo Clinic Embody Health*, a health and wellness site featuring the expertise of the Mayo Clinic.

**12.2. Approval of Changes in Terms of Call**

The Annual Salary Review was presented which contained all information returned to date. Some members have not yet responded. The minimum salary for Ministers of the Word and Sacrament is \$42,000. After an opportunity for questions from the floor, Presbytery APPROVED the Changes in Terms of Call as presented and APPROVED that they be incorporated in the official minutes of this

meeting. (\*Note: The Annual Salary Review will not be posted on the Website but is available on request at the Presbytery Office and will be included as a part of the minutes included in the permanent record.)

**12.3. Recognition of the Ministry of Josephine Dickson**

Rev. Terry Palmer, Committee on Ministry Chairperson, announced that this would be Rev. Josephine Dickson's final presbytery meeting in Grand Canyon as she will be moving back home to Nevada. After an opportunity for presbyters to express thanks for her service in this presbytery, she was given an opportunity to address the presbyters.

**13. ACTION ON KINGMAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION OVERTURE**

Dick Coffelt provided background on the Overture from the Kingman Presbyterian Church Session which was reported by the Stated Clerk as New Business during the opening procedures of the January Annual Stated Meeting.

**MOTION**

For the Presbytery of Grand Canyon  
From the Session of Kingman Presbyterian Church  
January 20, 2007

"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 behalf of the Session of Kingman Presbyterian Church  
Pastor Grif Vautier, Joan Johns, Elder & Clerk of Session, Bob Campbell, Elder"

A request was made to have printed copies of this Overture available for presbyters later on in the January Annual Stated Meeting and these copies were made available at the Clerk's table at the lunch break. Under the New Business Item later in the January meeting the Stated Clerk reported that he had met with representatives from Kingman Presbyterian Church and explained that in accordance with Presbytery of Grand Canyon Bylaws and Standing Rules B-4.0400.b., each overture received by the Presbytery is referred to the Bills and Overtures Committee, which is composed of the most recent Commissioners to General Assembly for review and recommendation to Presbytery.

The recommendations of the Bills and Overtures Committee were included in the Call to the March Presbytery Meeting and the Kingman Overture was docketed for business in the March Stated Meeting. The Stated Clerk called attention to the fact that this would be a several-part action and provided an overview of how the action would be handled.

**13.1. Presentation of the Overture**

On behalf of the Session of Kingman Presbyterian Church, Bob Campbell presented the Overture and gave some background on the Session's deliberation.

**13.2. Recommendation of the Bills and Overtures Committee**

On behalf of the Bills and Overtures Committee, Willy Zunker recommended that consideration of the Kingman Overture during at least the March and June Stated Presbytery Meetings be by mutual invitation.

**13.3. Plan of Mutual Invitation and Dialogue**

Rev. Doug Baer, on behalf of the Discernment Team for helping the Presbytery in living out the recommendations of the Theological Task Force Report on Peace, Unity and Purity, invited presbyters to be a part of the mutual invitation experience. It was explained that after dinner the presbyters would be breaking into small groups (according to the number on their presbytery packets that were distributed at registration for this meeting). Each group will have a leader and a record keeper. Three questions will be presented for reflection and response. The leader will begin the process by being the first person to answer the question, one at a time. When finished, the leader will invite someone else to speak, and that person will then invite another to speak, and so on. If someone decides to pass, after everyone else has had a chance to speak, the group will come back to the person who has passed to invite them to say something. Each person is an indispensable part of the process. Whether or not we agree with what is said, the important thing is to listen to what is being said. The intention is to provide a safe place for each person to speak. Rev. Baer expressed the hope that in the midst of this kind of process, one might hear the voice of Jesus Christ speaking to us. Afterwards, the presbyters will come back together and share (through the group recorder) what has been said.

**13.4. Explanation of the Provisions of Robert's Rules of Order**

Dick Coffelt clarified that the Overture from Kingman is an item of business for this Presbytery and at some point the Presbytery will have to deal with it; so even if the presbytery approves the following Motion, at some point (whenever decided by the body), the Presbytery will have to officially take action. The following Motion is simply a proposed different way to discuss the Overture. *Robert's Rules of Order* provides ways a Mutual Invitation and Dialogue process can be utilized through means of a less-structured deliberation by: transforming the deliberative body into a "committee of the whole, acting as a "quasi-committee of the whole" and allowing "informal considerations and "crystallization of opinion". (*Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*, 10<sup>th</sup> Edition, Section 52: "Committee of the Whole and Its Alternate Forms")

**13.5. Presentation of the Motion**

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.

**14. CENTS-ABILITY OFFERING**

Hunger Action Enabler, Sue Stevenson reminded presbyters that Cents-Ability is a small first step in the battle against hunger and poverty. She invited presbyters to contribute a few cents at every presbytery meal. This simple act is an expression of thanks for what we have received. It is also a commitment to share with others in response to Jesus' command "You give them something to eat." Cents-Ability originated in 1976 as "Two-Cents-A-Meal," a project begun by Presbyterian Women to involve individuals and families in a corporate response to world hunger.

**15. RECESS / DINNER / RECONVENE**

Presbytery recessed for dinner at 5:55 PM, Rev. David Huusko gave the blessing. Presbytery reconvened at 7:00 PM in small groups for mutual invitation, dialogue and discernment.

**16. MUTUAL INVITATION / DIALOGUE / DISCERNMENT**

Small groups gathered for a period of 55 minutes to experience mutual invitation. Each group began the session with prayer, a recorder was appointed (to also serve as timekeeper and inform the group of remaining minutes for each question at regular intervals.) Presbyters reassembled in the Sanctuary at 8:17 PM and each group's recorder came forward to share a summary of what was discussed in their group.

**17. WORSHIP SERVICE**

A Taizé Service of Worship was held at 8:30 PM. Rev. Cynthia Jennison led in the singing of "Come, Rejoice in God" while Linda Worsnop accompanied on the guitar. The Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession were led by Rev. Deborah Kehle. After the singing of "Sing, Praise and Bless the Lord", the

Old Testament Lesson was read from Joshua 5:9-12. Following the singing of "In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful", Rev. Renato Alvarez read the New Testament Lesson: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21. Following a period of Silent Meditation, Rev. Laura Joost-Kuhn led the Lord's Prayer.

**18. RECESS TO SATURDAY MORNING**

Presbyters recessed with prayer at 9:00 PM to reconvene at 8:30 AM with a Service of Praise and Worship with the business portion of the meeting to convene at 9:00 AM.

**19. RECONVENE / SERVICE OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP**

Presbytery reconvened at 8:30 AM on Saturday, March 17, 2007 with Moderator Barbara Walker leading in prayer. Rev. Cynthia Jennison led a brief Service of Praise and Worship which concluded at 8:45 AM.

**20. APPROVAL TO AMEND THE ORDER OF THE DAY**

As the Order of the Day for Approval of the Rules of Decorum and Debate and Vote on the Proposed Changes to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) was docketed for 9:00 AM and the Service of Worship had ended at 8:45 AM, Presbytery APPROVED amending the Order of the Day from 9:00 AM to 8:45 AM as reflected in the following Rules of Decorum and Debate.

**21. APPROVAL OF RULES OF DECORUM AND DEBATE**

Before voting on the Rules of Decorum and Debate, one correction was made on C-5 to clarify that a member of the Bills and Overtures Committee would move consideration of each of the eight (8) proposed amendments. After opportunity for discussion, Presbytery ADOPTED the following Rules of Decorum and Debate and Procedures for Voting on the Proposed Amendments to the Constitution Approved by the 217th General Assembly (2006) and Recommended to the Presbyteries for Their Affirmative or Negative Vote.

***RULES OF DECORUM AND DEBATE for PROPOSED AMENDMENTS***

(Based upon RONR 331)

1. Speeches limited to 2 minutes by those eligible to vote, alternating pro and con. There will be a pro and con microphone and those wishing to speak will line up behind the desired microphone and will be recognized on an alternating basis. The Stated Clerk will maintain a timer.
2. Each person may speak twice on a subject and may not speak a second time until everyone who wishes has spoken.
3. Remarks shall be confined to the pending question/issue/amendment and
4. Remarks shall not impugn another person or that person's motives.
5. All remarks shall be addressed to the moderator.
6. Persons' names should not be used, except by way of introduction of yourself when addressing the assembly.
7. Remarks may not refer adversely to prior acts or discussion.
8. Reports or documents are not to be read or distributed.
9. Persons shall not disturb the assembly.

**PROCEDURES FOR DEBATE AND VOTING** (Approved by the Agenda Planning Committee)

1. An \* Order of the Day has been established with thirty (30) minutes docketed for debate and vote on all amendments.
2. Beginning with an Order of the Day at 8:45 a.m. on Saturday March 17, 2007 the schedule with an Order of the Day for considering and voting on each amendment is shown below. The order of the day will be observed should debate on a group of amendments extend beyond the time allotted. Should debate and the vote on an amendment be completed in a shorter time period than scheduled debate will proceed immediately to the next amendment (s).  
  
\* 8:45 a.m. Amendments 06-A; 06-B.1; 06-B.2; and 06-B.3 with Voice Vote  
\* 9:00 a.m. Amendment 06-C.; 06-D.; 06-E. and 06-F. with Voice Vote
3. The written report of the Bills and Overtures Committee in which they made no recommendation because they were not of one mind also included information on each proposed amendment prepared by the Association of Stated Clerks and was presented at the January 20, 2007 Presbytery meeting is included with the Call to this meeting and is advisory only.

4. A member of the Bills and Overture Committee (Commissioners to the 217th General Assembly) will move consideration of each of the eight (8) proposed amendments as they are outlined in the *Proposed Amendments Approved by the 217<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (2006)* Booklet published by the Office of the Stated Clerk of the PCUSA and which was distributed at the January 20, 2007 Annual Meeting. Printed copies are available at the Presbytery Office or you may access this material electronically by clicking on the link provided on the Meetings Page of the Presbytery Website or by accessing [www.pcusa.org/generalassembly/amend/proposed-amendments.pdf](http://www.pcusa.org/generalassembly/amend/proposed-amendments.pdf) Voting will be by a Voice Vote on all amendments.
5. Presbytery could move to extend the time of floor discussion.

## 22. **DEBATE AND VOTE ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION**

Approved by the 217<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (2006) and Recommended to the Presbyteries for Their Affirmative or Negative Votes

### **Amendment 06-A**

Revision of Form of Government, Chapter XIV with Additional Amendments to *Book of Order* Preface and G-6.0500, G-6-0600, G-6.0700, G-9.0405, G-11.0405 G-11.0408 and G-11.0405

After opportunity for discussion, Presbytery DEFEATED Amendment 06-A by voice vote.

### **Amendment 06-B.1**

Moving Ordination, Installation and Commissioning Questions and Service Information to the Directory for Worship-On Amending G-14.0206 –1.0209, G-14.0405, G-14.0510-0511, G-14.0801g&h and W-4.4000

After opportunity for discussion, Presbytery DEFEATED Amendment 06-B.1. by voice vote.

### **Amendment 06-B.2**

Adding Licensure of Candidates – On Amending G-14.0309

After opportunity for discussion, Presbytery voted by voice vote. As the results were not conclusive, vote was then taken by a show of hands. Presbytery DEFEATED Amendment 06-B.2 by a vote of 38 (affirmative) to 43 (negative).

### **Amendment 06-B.3**

Removing Synod Approval of Extraordinary Exam Process – On Amending G-14.0313b

After opportunity for discussion, Presbytery APPROVED Amendment 06-B.3 by voice vote.

### **Amendment 06-C**

Enabling a New General Assembly Council Structure - On Amending G-9.0703, G-13.0107 and G-13.0202

After opportunity for discussion, a voice vote was taken. As the results were not conclusive a vote was then taken by a show of hands. Presbytery DEFEATED Amendment 06-C by a vote of 37 (affirmative) to 45 (negative).

### **Amendment 06-D**

Opening COM to Access by Commissioned Lay Pastors - On Amending G-11.0503

After opportunity for discussion Presbytery APPROVED Amendment 06-D by voice vote.

### **Amendment 06-E**

Members of the Synod - On Amending G-12.0101

After opportunity for discussion Presbytery APPROVED Amendment 06-E by voice vote.

### **Amendment 06-F**

Naming Certified Christian Educators as Mandated Reporters - On Amending G-14.0701

After opportunity for discussion Presbytery APPROVED Amendment 06-F by voice vote.

## 23. **SOCIAL JUSTICE AND PEACEMAKING REPORT**

### **George B. Brooks / Human Rights Award**

Lorie and Dr. Philip Gates, members of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Prescott, AZ have worked faithfully as a team for many years in mission and are this year's recipients of the George Brooks Award for Social Justice/Human Rights. Nominated by the Presbytery's Stewardship, Mission and Communications Development (SMCD) Committee, they were honored with a standing ovation when

they were called forward by Teri Conrad (Committee Chair) to be recognized for their dedicated service.

Phil serves on session and is chair of Trinity PC's Mission Committee. Lorie is active with the church's Women's Association. Phil is vice-chair of the Presbytery's Stewardship, Mission and Communications Development Committee as well as a member of the Permanent Judicial Commission.

Since 2003, he has devoted his time to giving presentations about the mission work of the Presbyterian Church (USA) in sub-Saharan Africa. His focus has been on the countries of Zimbabwe and Mozambique in southeastern Africa, where he, along with thirteen other Presbyterian pastors and laypersons, spent two weeks, traveling under the auspices of The Outreach Foundation, a mission agency of the PC(USA) committed to providing resources for evangelism and new church development in the U.S. and worldwide.

In February 2004, Phil participated in a four-day training event for prospective accompaniers to be sent to Colombia to serve the Colombian Presbyterian Church. He served as an accompanier in Barranquilla, Colombia July and August of 2005. Since then he has worked diligently to communicate the Colombia situation to church groups in the presbytery and in other parts of the United States.

In the 1990's, Lorie and Phil Gates were PC(USA) Volunteers in Mission, serving as interpreters for Presbyterian Border Ministry (PBM). During their three-year tenure, they lived and worked for extended periods of time at three of the seven border sites. They traveled throughout the Synod of the Southwest, and to Florida, California, Colorado, Washington, and Texas and communicating the important work and needs of PBM. They represented the PC(USA)'s Worldwide Ministries Division as facilitators, offering one-day seminars, *Discerning Your Call for Mission*. These workshops informed and inspired groups about the extended mission volunteer opportunities, requirements and application process.

Prior to retiring in 1996, Phil was a career public school educator: English high school teacher, principal, assistant superintendent of schools, superintendent, and private educational consultant. Lorie and Phil have three adult children and four grandchildren.

After returning to the U.S. from Colombia, he learned that of the 246 Colombian soldiers cited by the UN Truth Commission, 100 of the perpetrators were School of the Americas (SOA) graduates. (The SOA is now called the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation, or WHINSEC.) Congress came within fifteen votes of closing the SOA this past June. On November 19, 2006, Phil was arrested in Columbus, GA while participating with 20,000 in a demonstration outside the SOA at Fort Benning. Of the sixteen who trespassed on the grounds of Fort Benning; fifteen were arrested and booked. Over the past ten years 183 people have "crossed the line" onto the grounds in an act of civil disobedience to highlight the need to close the SOA. Phil will begin serving his 60 days in a Los Angeles prison on March 21st.

Two journals (for Lorie and Phil) were circulated so that presbyters could write congratulations and words of encouragement. Phil and Lorie thanked the church congregations who have lifted them up in prayer, written letters and invited them to speak. Anyone who would like to make a tax-deductible contribution to help offset court related costs, travel expenses, loss of Social Security while he is incarcerated, etc., can write checks made payable to the Synod of the Southwest (enter "Phil Gates" on the memo line) and send them to: The Synod of the Southwest, 401 E. 4th St., #A. Tucson, AZ 85705.

#### **24. INITIATION OF AN OVERTURE TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

After opportunity for discussion, Presbytery ENDORSED the initiation of an Overture to the General Assembly by the Social Justice and Peacemaking Committee expressing that civil disobedience is an act of loyalty to the foundational freedom of this nation. Once drafted by the Social Justice and Peacemaking Committee, this item will come back to the Presbytery for action of the body.

#### **25. MODERATOR ELECT TAKES THE FLOOR**

Moderator Elect Rev. Art Campbell moderated the reports of the Nominations Committee, the Women's Ministries Committee, and the Social Justice and Peacemaking Committee. Moderator Barbara Walker reassumed the floor immediately following the report of the Social Justice and Peacemaking Committee.

#### **26. NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

After an opportunity for additional nominations from the floor, Presbytery APPROVED the following slate of people who have agreed to serve on Presbytery Committees:

Endowment Committee

2009 Doug Brown (Pinnacle)

Educational Ministries

2009 Shelly Core (Pinnacle)  
Linda Worsnop (Gilbert)

Committee on Ministry

2007 Rev. Mary Saylor (Emmanuel)

Preparation for Ministry

2007 Rev. Peggy Roberts (MAL)  
Rev. Ruth Reinhold (Valley)

Representation

2009 Priscilla Vargas (Betania)

Social Justice and Peacemaking (15)

2007 Leland Wilson (Mesa, First)  
2009 Rev. Mae Hicks (HR)  
Joan Fenton (Palo Cristi)

Stewardship, Mission & Communications Development (15)

2008 Rev. David Van Arsdale (Faith)

Women's Ministries

2007 Mary Danforth (University)  
2009 Christi Hartwell (Crosswinds)  
Heidi Longwell (Memorial)  
Wanda Schneider (Wickenburg, First)  
Chair: Mary Danforth

Minister Commissioner to Synod of the Southwest

2008 Laura Joost-Kuhn (replacing Mary Jane Miles)

**27. WOMEN'S MINISTRIES COMMITTEE**

**Domestic Violence Awareness**

Joan Fenton, is a member of Women's Ministries and a former social worker. She received domestic violence training at workshops conducted by Dr. Marie Fortune through the Center for the Prevention of Sexual and Domestic Violence in Seattle, Washington and serves on the national leadership team of PADVN (Presbyterian Against Domestic Violence Network), a ministry within the PC(USA). Joan reported that domestic violence impacts approximately one-fourth of all relationships, terrorizing women and men, children, seniors and teens (dating violence). It destroys families and creates lasting problems for children who have grown up in violent homes, often following them into their adult lives. Joan works to help faith communities become places of safety and hope, and where the silence surrounding domestic violence can be broken. Joan is available to bring a workshop or class to any location within the Presbytery.

**28. SOCIAL JUSTICE AND PEACEMAKING**

**Serious Mental Illness: Seeking A Comprehensive Christian Response**

The embrace of a loving community can be central to the long-term healing and health of persons with mental illness. Rev. Mac Schafer highlighted the PC(USA) study guide which is available to each congregation and provides four sessions for personal and class discussion and reflection. These sessions encourage and challenge the reader to think about ways people living with mental illness are included and/or excluded from participating in the work of the church and society in general. The Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy (ACSWP) will take the feedback obtained through this study into consideration as it develops a policy statement for action by the 218th General Assembly (2007).

**29. PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY COMMITTEE**

**Inquirer to Candidate, Kyle Schmidt**

Upon recommendation of the Preparation for Ministry Committee, Inquirer Kyle Schmidt from Mountain View Presbyterian Church, Scottsdale, was examined with respect to his Christian faith, forms of Christian service undertaken and motives for seeking the ministry. The examination was sustained and presbyters APPROVED the recommendation from the Preparation for Ministry Committee that Kyle Schmidt be received as a Candidate for Ministry. Moderator Barbara Walker asked the constitutional questions to which Kyle answered in the affirmative. Mountain View Church members were invited forward to stand with Kyle as Rev. Ralph Meredith gave the charge and a prayer of thanks.

**30. PC(U.S.A.) IMMIGRATION HISTORY**

Julia Thorne, Immigration Attorney for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A), in a powerful and thought-provoking *PowerPoint* presentation, presented an historical perspective of our denomination's involvement in immigration from our earliest beginnings. Afterwards there was an opportunity for questions from the floor.

**31. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was none.

**32. CENTS-ABILITY OFFERING**

It was reported that \$257.52 was collected for the Cents-Ability offering.

**33. EXPRESSION OF THANKS**

To applause Moderator Barbara Walker expressed heartfelt thanks to those who so graciously gave of their time and talents to host this meeting.

**34. CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

The Rev(s) David Huusko and Suzanne Citron administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and the elements were distributed by Intinction. The Northminster Church Choir provided special music.

**35. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM with the Moderator's closing prayer.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Presbytery Council, acting on its delegated authority, approved the Minutes of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon's Stated Meeting of March 16-17, 2007 at the Council Meeting of May 3, 2007.

S/ Richard E. Coffelt

Richard E. Coffelt, Stated Clerk

May 3, 2007

Date: