

**COUNCIL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION FOR  
PRESBYTERY MEETINGS IN 2005  
September 17-18, 2004**

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**MOTION: that Presbytery meet five times in 2005 on the following dates:**

**Saturday, January 22, (First, Sun City)  
Friday-Saturday, March 18-19 (John Calvin, Apache Junction)  
Saturday, June 11, (Scottsdale)  
Friday-Saturday, September 16-17 (Ft. Defiance)  
Saturday, November 12, (Fountain Hills)**

*Rationale*

At the November 15, 2003 meeting the Presbytery approved, by suspension of the Bylaws and Standing Rules, four meetings in 2004 rather than the normal five meeting schedule. The recommendation for a reduced meeting schedule in 2004 was based primarily on the possibility of cost savings. The Presbytery Council was requested to make an evaluation of how effective it was to reduce the number of meetings in 2004 and to report those results at the first Stated Meeting of 2005 with a recommendation on the number of meetings to be held in the future.

So far in 2004 we have saved a significant amount of money by distributing reports electronically. Having four meetings rather than five meetings does not have great financial impact. Returning to five meetings will assist some entities, such as Preparation for Ministry, in getting their work done. The “fifth” meeting in 2005 will be devoted to education and fellowship, with a minimum of business to conduct. We do not know as yet which meeting this will be.

Making the recommendation at this meeting rather than waiting until the first meeting of 2005 allows for more advance and better planning for topics, outside speakers and educational events and opportunities.

*Topics and participants we're thinking about for future meetings*

- David Augsburg – cross-cultural conflict management (Nov 2004)
- Dr. Phil Butin – President of San Francisco Theological Seminary
- Charles Wiley – Theology and Worship Staff of General Assembly – report on the Trinity
- John Detterick and/or Clifton Kirkpatrick – relationships among governing bodies