



PROVISIONAL MINUTES

Sixth Meeting of the EPC Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest October 11-12, 2019

Covenant Community Church, Vacaville, CA

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Vacaville, CA 95687
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Meeting Theme: *Creating a Culture of Ministry Health*

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2019

6-1 Call to Order and Opening Prayer

Moderator, TE Rev. Rob Perkins, called the sixth meeting of the Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest (POPS) to order at 9:00 am and opened the meeting with prayer.

6-2 Declaration of Quorum

Stated Clerk, RE Mark Eshoff, declared a quorum was present as evidenced by the following record of attendance:

CHURCH / TEACHING ELDERS

Centerpoint Community Church – Roseville, CA

TE James Barstow	Excused
TE Nancy Duff	Present
TE Bryan Yeo	Present

Centerville Presbyterian Church – Fremont, CA

TE Greg Roth	Excused
TE Marsha Roth	Excused

Christ Church, Berkeley, CA

TE Bart Garrett	Present
TE Brian Kay	Excused
TE Jonathan St. Clair	Present
TE Patrick Vaughn	Excused
TE Quinn Vaughn	Excused

Clayton Community Church – Clayton, CA

TE Shawn Robinson	Present
TE Ron Musch	Unexcused

Community Presbyterian Church – Danville, CA

TE Tyler Scott	Present
TE Cathy Burkholder	Present
TE Bill Haslim	Present
TE Heidi Johnson	Present

Covenant Community Church – Vacaville, CA

TE Julia Leeth	Present
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Covenant Presbyterian Church – Orange, CA

TE Scott Larson	Unexcused
TE Dennis Tarr	Unexcused

RULING ELDERS

Connie Badgley, Jennifer Harrington, Daniel Lockett

Sydney Belanger, Tammy Berquist, Norma Moore, Cordelia Shieh

Karli Lewis, Pat Serpan, Rhea Serpan, Bern Thompson, Cheryl Thompson, Doug Thompson

Barbara Cantrell, Rebecca Duvall

Stephen Morris

Covenant Presbyterian Church – Reno, NV		
TE James (Jay) Hull	Present	Dianne Billharz, Bill Myers, Chris Rhodes
Covenant Presbyterian Church – San Diego, CA		
TE Patrick King	Present	
Easton Presbyterian Church – Fresno, CA		
TE David Abdo	Present	
Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church – Fair Oaks, CA		
TE Josh Hall	Present	Chris Larsen, Rob Rivett
TE Chris Eatough	Excused	
TE Clifford Graves	Excused	
First Armenian Church – Fresno, CA		
TE Greg Haroutunian	Excused	
First Presbyterian Church – Bakersfield, CA		
TE Jeff Chandler	Excused	Jim Conners
TE David Constance	Excused	
TE Scott Dickson	Excused	
First Presbyterian Church – Fresno, CA		
TE Jeremy Vaccaro	Present	Touradj Etezadi, Scott Norvell
TE Lana Roberts	Present	
TE Chris Popadich	Present	
First Presbyterian Church – Hanford, CA		
TE Tony Winterowd	Excused	Charles Feaver
Fowler Presbyterian Church – Fowler, CA		
TE Mark Almlie	Unexcused	
Fremont Presbyterian Church – Sacramento, CA		
TE David Burke	Present	Greg Flagg, Lynn Jordan, Vicki Meyer, Adele Ohs, Brian Wyatt
TE David Pack	Present	
Heritage EPC – Santa Maria, CA		
Vacant		James Brown, Ruth Brown
Hope Presbyterian Church – Folsom, CA		
TE David Huusko	Excused	Marty Brown, Bill Hutto, John Guest
Kingman Presbyterian Church – Kingman, AZ		
TE George Carey	Present	Joan Johns
Millbrook Presbyterian Church – Fresno, CA		
TE Jerry Voss	Excused	
Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church – Moraga, CA		
TE Rob Perkins (Moderator)	Present	John Breul, Shannon Cereghino, Jeff Lowe
TE David Ricketts	Present	
TE Sam Fielder	Present	
TE Tommy Branagh	Present	
New Life Community Church – Covelo, CA		
Vacant		Linda Marshall

Sanger Community Church – Sanger, CA
 Vacant Rob Cairns, Terry Lewis, Judy Thoren

San Ramon Presbyterian Church – San Ramon, CA
 TE Mark Wollan Present

Sierra Presbyterian Church – Nevada City, CA
 TE Michael Griffin Present Renee Adams

St. John’s Assyrian Presbyterian Church – Turlock, CA
 TE Edward Eissabake Present

The Table – San Francisco, CA
 TE Troy Wilson Excused

Valley Community Church – San Jacinto, CA
 TE Guy Boyer Excused

Woodlake Presbyterian Church – Woodlake, CA
 TE Jonathan Dennis Present Brian Vaccaro, Judi Vaccaro

OFFICERS OF THE PRESBYTERY
 RE Mark Eshoff, Stated Clerk Present

MILITARY CHAPLAINS ON ACTIVE DUTY
 None

INSTITUTIONAL CHAPLAINS
 TE Karen Bolte Present

EVANGELISTS
 TE Jose Figueroa Present
 TE Robin Kelley Present

SERVING OUTSIDE THE BOUNDARIES
 TE Joe Cole Unexcused
 TE Greg Ehlert Present
 TE David Flaig Unexcused
 TE Samuel Kim Unexcused
 TE Melaku Mekuria Unexcused
 TE Mgrdich Melkonian Unexcused
 TE Rick Nylund Excused

MEMBERS SERVING AS ADMINSTRATIVE MEMBERS
 TE David Fenska Present
 TE Greg Livingstone Unexcused

MEMBERS WITHOUT A CALL
 TE Scott Downing Present
 TE Steve Tyra Excused
 TE Jason Yum Present

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS – Outside Boundaries
 TE Kurt Teng Not Present

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS – ACTIVE
 TE Donald Baird Excused
 TE Paul Bergquam Present
 TE David Brogren Excused
 TE Scott Farmer Present

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS – Retired

TE Samuel Adamson	Not Present
TE Jerry Autry	Not Present
TE Robert (Bob) Badgley	Not Present
TE Ed Blake	Not Present
TE Kirk Bottomly	Not Present
TE Steve Frank	Not Present
TE Anton Hoffmann	Not Present
TE Linda Line	Not Present
TE Tom Naylor	Not Present
TE Ron Owens	Not Present
TE Penny Proschold	Not Present
TE Chaluay Ruangchan	Not Present
TE Richard Sanner	Not Present

GUESTS/OBSERVERS/CANDIDATES/MINISTERS TO BE EXAMINED

Paul Anand Tangellapalli	Church Planting & Children’s Ministry
Peter Antonucci	EPC World Outreach/Frontiers
Bamu Ateh	International Theological Seminary
Daniel Barg	PIR Ministries
Pierre Belanger	Centerville Presbyterian Church, Fremont
Mulu Berhane	East African Village Outreach, Elk Grove
Eilene Browne	Sanger Community Church
Greg Browne	Sanger Community Church
Linda Buettner	Centerpoint Community Church, Roseville
Nita Carey	Kingman Presbyterian Church
Marty Carpenter	Sanger Community Church
Monty Carpenter	Sanger Community Church
Norman Chisenga	International Theological Seminary
Cathy Cole	Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest
Jason Eddy	PIR Ministries
Lynette Erickson	Centerville Community Church, Fremont
Cheryl Eshoff	Fremont Presbyterian Church, Sacramento
Mindy Fenska	EPC World Outreach
Beth Griffin	Sierra Presbyterian Church
Seifu Ibssa	East African Village Outreach, Elk Grove
Jim Kelley	San Ramon
Sam Knottnerus	Arcadia Community Church
Terry McGonigal	Whitworth University
Skip Oh	Fremont Presbyterian Church
Ryan Pearce	Community Presbyterian Church, Danville
Rachael Porter	Clayton Community Church
Ned Rendell	Centerville Presbyterian Church, Fremont
Phyllis Rendell	Centerville Presbyterian Church, Fremont
Tamara Sawyer	Centerville Presbyterian Church, Fremont
Shawn Stewart	EPC World Outreach
Roy Yanke	PIR Ministries
Dennis Yim	Centerville Presbyterian Church, Fremont

NUMERICAL ATTENDANCE SUMMARY	Present	Excused	Unexcused	Total/Parity
Teaching Elders (Full Members)	35	19	10	64
Teaching Elders (Associate - Active)	2	2		
Teaching Elders (Associate)	0			
Ruling Elders	46			
Officers of the Presbytery	1			
Commissioned Pastors	0			
Received Pending Dismissal	0			
Transitional Members	0			
Candidates/Guests/Observers	32			
TOTAL IN ATTENDANCE	116			

Associate & Retired Members (Not Present)	14
Inactive Members (Not Present)	0

- 6-3 Welcome**
Rev. Julia Leeth welcomed the Presbytery and gave a brief overview of the history and ministry of Covenant Community Church, Vacaville, CA. Moderator Perkins presented to Julia and her church the honorary POPS carabineer, which represents the connected community of the Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest, of which they are a part.
- 6-4 Introductions**
Moderator Perkins asked new commissioners and new observers to stand and thanked them for their participation.
- 6-5 Worship**
Brad Ludwick from Covenant Community Church, Vacaville, CA led the Presbytery in musical worship. Rev. Terry McGonigal, Director of Church Engagement from Whitworth University preached a sermon based on Ephesians 2.
- 6-6 Moderator's Time of Prayer**
Moderator Perkins led the Presbytery in prayer for TE Tony Winterowd, who had recently suffered a heart attack and for TE Patrick Vaughn, who was seriously injured in a bicycle accident. Moderator Perkins then asked the Presbytery to pray around their tables with a focus on several different Scripture passages.
- 6-7 Stated Clerk's Report**
Stated Clerk Eshoff reviewed the attendance expectations and noted those teaching elders that were absent without excuse at the previous Presbytery meeting held on May 14-15, 2019. He also reviewed the voting guidelines for the Presbytery, noted the informational handouts that were available at the handout table, and emphasized the priorities of the Presbytery meetings: 1) worshipping together, 2) connecting with one another, 3) development and resourcing our churches, and 4) making decisions about significant changes for our brothers and sisters, as well as affirming and supporting one another. He also encouraged the Presbytery to sign cards for TE Winterowd and TE Vaughn, as well as for Ron Bengelink and Holly Carlson, who will be retiring from the Presbytery of the Pacific Northwest at the end of the year.
- 6-8 Approval of the Docket**
Stated Clerk Eshoff presented changes to the proposed docket to the Presbytery for approval.
Motion was sustained to adopt the modified docket.
- 6-9 Report on the EPC Stated Clerk Search Process**
TE Nancy Duff opened in prayer and updated the Presbytery on the process to identify and nominate the next EPC Stated Clerk.
- 6-10 Session Minutes Review Committee**
RE Jim Conners, Chair of the Session Minutes Review Committee, opened in prayer and reviewed the process for the minutes reviews. He then requested commissioners (four ruling elders and two teaching elders) to volunteer to assist in the review. Those commissioners were: TE Jay Hull, Covenant Presbyterian Church, Reno, NV, TE Jason Yum, RE Marty Brown, Hope Presbyterian Church, Folsom, CA, RE Jennifer Harrington, Centerpoint Community Church, Roseville, CA, RE Linda Marshall, New Life Community Church, Covelo, CA, and RE Scott Norvell, First Presbyterian Church, Fresno, CA.
Minutes were submitted from the following churches:
Covenant Presbyterian Church, San Diego, CA
Easton Presbyterian Church, Fresno, CA
First Presbyterian Church, Bakersfield, CA

First Presbyterian Church, Hanford, CA
Heritage EPC, Santa Maria, CA
Kingman Presbyterian Church, Kingman, AZ
Valley Community Church, San Jacinto, CA
Woodlake Presbyterian Church, Woodlake, CA

Minutes were due but not received from the following:

Covenant Presbyterian Church, Orange, CA
The Table, San Francisco, CA

Minutes outstanding from the May 2019 Meeting were also not received:

Fowler Presbyterian Church
St. John's Assyrian Presbyterian Church

6-11 Mission Committee Report

TE Dave Fenska opened in prayer and invited TE George Carey to update the Presbytery on the E2025 Home Team and the need for a chair. They also announced that the World Outreach Summer Mission Jam would be held at Fremont Presbyterian Church in Sacramento, CA.

6-12 Partnership with Whitworth University

Rev. Terry McGonigal presented information on the Whitworth University Office of Church Engagement and the resources they have developed to assist local churches. Terry has served Whitworth University in Spokane, WA for 25 years. He spent 20 years as Dean of Spiritual Life and has worked for the past 5 years as Director of Church Engagement (OCE), the university's collaborative effort to partner with churches "to equip disciples and engage culture with the Good News of Jesus."

Rev. McGonigal commented on the mutually beneficial opportunities that the Partnership Agreement between the EPC Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest and Whitworth University would create.

Motion was sustained to approve the Partnership Agreement between the Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest and Whitworth University.

TE Mike Griffin and his wife, Beth, prayed for the new partnership.

6-13 Ministerial Committee Report

TE David Abdo, Chair of the Ministerial Committee, opened in prayer and introduced Dennis Yim, candidate for ordination.

Dennis has been called as Associate Pastor for Spiritual Formation at Centerville Presbyterian Church, Fremont, CA. Dennis has signed his Ministerial Obligation Form and his current Terms of Call have been reviewed and approved by the Ministerial Committee. He has been a Candidate Under Care in this Presbytery, completed the Discovery Workshop, and has been examined by the members of the Ministerial Committee. He is recommended to the floor of the Presbytery for approval.

Dennis's examination began with a sermon on John 17:20-26, a passage assigned by the Ministerial Committee. Following his sermon, the Presbytery examined him on his knowledge of theology and sacraments, his faith in Christ, his calling to the ministry and the nature of the office of a minister of the Word, polity, the Reformed tradition, the English Bible, his spiritual journey and his exception to the Westminster Standards, of which he had one.

Motion was sustained to arrest the examination.

Candidate Yim was dismissed from the room.

RE's Tammy Bergquist and Sydney Belanger from Centerville Presbyterian Church, Fremont, CA spoke on behalf of the Session and congregation in support of Dennis.

Motion was sustained to approve the ordination of Dennis Yim and receive him into full membership in the EPC Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest.

Motion was sustained to approve the Administrative Commission consisting of RE's Sydney Belanger, Tammy Bergquist, Jim Harrison and Cordelia Shieh from Centerville Presbyterian Church, Fremont CA, RE Rhea Serpan from Community Presbyterian Church, Danville, CA, TE Dave Ricketts from Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church, Moraga, CA, and TE Mark Wollan from San Ramon Presbyterian Church, San Ramon, CA, to ordain Dennis Yim and install him as Associate Pastor of Spiritual Formation at Centerville Presbyterian Church on November 17, 2019 at 5:00 PM.

Dennis was invited back into the room and was greeted with a standing ovation. TE David Abdo prayed for Dennis.

6-14 Resource Presentation: Creating a Culture of Ministry Health

Roy Yanke and Jason Eddy from PIR Ministries gave a presentation to the Presbytery on Creating a Culture of Ministry Health. The Presbytery then divided into ruling elders and teaching elders for separate presentations. The ruling elders met with Jason to discuss how to effectively support and care for teaching elders. The teaching elders met with Roy to discuss pastoral self-care.

6-15 Treasurer's Report

RE Connie Badgley, Treasurer, opened in prayer and gave the financial report, which included the 2019 POPS Askings Report and the 2019 POPS YTD Financials.

6-16 2020 Budget

RE Connie Badgley, Treasurer, presented the draft 2020 Budget approved by the Council to the Presbytery for approval. She commented on the minor changes and noted that the Per Member Asking amount for the Presbytery was unchanged at \$15 per member.

MOTION: To approve the 2020 Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest Budget.

6-17 Revitalization Update

TE Mike Griffin, POPS Revitalization Liaison, opened in prayer and gave a presentation on the importance of revitalization beyond just the institution of the church, including marriages and relationships.

6-18 Community of Churches – San Pablo Church

TE Jose Figueroa updated the Presbytery on the status of the San Pablo Community Church Plant in San Pablo, CA which is sponsored by the Presbytery. Moderator Perkins then prayed for Jose and the church plant.

6-19 Change in Bylaws

Stated Clerk Eshoff presented a motion from the Presbytery Council regarding changing the requirement in the POPS Bylaws that the ratio of teaching elders to ruling elders on the Care of Candidates Committee be one to one, rather than the two to one goal stated in the Book of Order. The one to one ratio applies only to the Ministerial Committee. The recommended change corrects this.

Motion was sustained to modify the language in the POPS Bylaws Section 6.05 (a) with the following changes: The Candidate Care Committee shall have at least four members and be established and maintained in such a way as to ensure that there is an equal number of Ruling Elders and Teaching Elders a ratio of as near to two Ruling Elders to one Teaching Elder as possible.

6-20

Nominating Committee Report

RE Bill Myers, member of the Nominating Committee, opened in prayer and reported on the nominations that the Committee placed before the Presbytery, including Moderator, Chair of the Mission Committee, Chair of the Session Minute Review Committee, and Chair of the Nominating Committee, as well as members of several committees.

Motion was sustained to approve RE Jim Conners from First Presbyterian Church, Bakersfield, CA as Moderator of the Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest (Class of 2020) and member of the Presbytery Council.

Motion was sustained to approve RE Carl Kuhn from Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church, Fair Oaks, CA as chair of the Mission Committee (Class of 2020) and member of the Presbytery Council.

Motion was sustained to approve RE Janet Goodman from Centerville Presbyterian Church, Fremont, CA as chair of the Session Minutes Review Committee (Class of 2022) and member of the Presbytery Council.

Motion was sustained to approve RE Bill Myers from Covenant Presbyterian Church, Reno, NV as Chair of the Nominating Committee (Class of 2022) and member of Presbytery Council.

Motion was sustained to approve the nomination of the following members of the Care of Candidates Committee: TE Brian Yeo, Centerpoint Community Church, Roseville, CA (Class of 2022); RE Stephen Morris, Covenant Presbyterian Church, Orange, CA (Class of 2021) and RE Diane Billharz, Covenant Presbyterian Church, Reno, NV (Class of 2022).

Motion was sustained to approve the nomination of the following members of the Mission Committee: TE George Carey, Kingman Presbyterian Church, Kingman, AZ (Class of 2022), RE Norma Moore, Centerville Presbyterian Church, Fremont, CA (Class of 2022), TE Greg Haroutunian, First Armenian Presbyterian Church, Fresno, CA (Class of 2021), RE Patty Hemsley, Covenant Presbyterian Church, Reno, NV (Class of 2020).

6-21

Pacific Women's Link

RE Rebecca Duvall opened in prayer and updated the Presbytery of the opportunities provided by the Pacific Women's Link and on the activities of the Women's Resource Council.

6-22

Change in Agenda

Motion was sustained to modify the Agenda to address several reports and motions scheduled for later in the meeting.

6-23

General Assembly Descending Overtures

Stated Clerk Eshoff noted that the Descending Overtures from the 39th General Assembly were included in the Presbytery Meeting packet as a First Reading. The overtures will be voted on at the January 2020 Presbytery Meeting.

6-24

Care of Candidates Report

TE Jay Hull opened in prayer and gave background information on the Committee's motion to refer Candidate Sam Knottnerus to the Ministerial Vocation Committee for review of his educational background in regard to the requirements for ordination.

Motion was sustained to refer candidate Sam Knottnerus to the GA Ministerial Vocation Committee as a Candidate Under Extraordinary Circumstances for the purpose of receiving a recommendation from them regarding requirements for his ordination in the EPC.

TE Hull also reported that several candidates currently under the care of the Presbytery have chosen to pursue other avenues of ministry.

Motion was sustained to remove David Kim and Jonathan Thompson from the rolls of Presbytery as Candidates Under Care.

6-25 Meeting Recess and Prayer

Moderator Perkins thanked the Presbytery for their attention and prayed for dinner. The meeting recessed at 5:25 pm.

A dinner was prepared and served by Covenant Community Church, Vacaville, CA.

Worship Service

Rev. Julia Leeth, Pastor of Covenant Community Church, Vacaville, CA led a worship service and presented the evening message. The service included the celebration of Communion and an offering to support the *Pastor's Care and Support Fund*.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2019

6-26 Call to Order and Opening Prayer

TE Rob Perkins, Moderator, reconvened the meeting and opened in prayer.

6-27 Declaration of a Quorum

Stated Clerk Eshoff declared that a quorum was present.

6-28 Introduction of Additional Guests

Moderator Perkins asked for guests and new commissioners that weren't present on Friday to stand and be recognized.

6-29 Appreciations to the Host Church

Moderator Perkins expressed deep appreciation to the host church, Covenant Community Church, Vacaville, CA, TE Julia Leeth, Rebecca Duvall and all the volunteers for their involvement and support. He praised the generosity of the Session and congregation for making it possible to host the meeting of the Presbytery and thanked the volunteers for doing a wonderful job welcoming the Presbytery.

6-30 Morning Worship

Brad Ludwick from Covenant Community Church, Vacaville, CA led the Presbytery in musical worship. Marty Carpenter, Candidate Under Care, gave the morning sermon based on John 15:9-17, a passage determined by the POPS Ministerial Committee, as part of her examination to become a Teaching Elder - Chaplain.

6-31 Moderator's Time of Prayer

Moderator Perkins then asked the Presbytery to pray around their tables with a focus on John 15:1-8.

6-32 Ministerial Committee Report (continued)

TE David Abdo, Chair, introduced Marty Carpenter as a Candidate for Ordination and prayed for her prior to her examination.

Marty Carpenter has been called as Chaplain for the Sanger, CA Police Department. Marty has signed her Ministerial Obligation Form. She has been a Candidate Under Care in this Presbytery, completed the Discovery Workshop, and been examined by the members of the Ministerial Committee. She was recommended to the floor of the Presbytery for approval.

Marty's examination began with a sermon earlier in the day on a passage assigned by the Ministerial Committee. The Presbytery examined her on her knowledge of theology and sacraments, her faith in Christ, her calling to the ministry and the nature of the office of a minister of the Word, polity, the Reformed tradition, the Bible, and her spiritual journey. Marty had no exceptions to the Westminster Standards.

Motion was sustained to end the examination.

Candidate Carpenter was dismissed from the room.

RE Judy Thoren from Sanger Presbyterian Church and TE Paul Bergquam (Active Retired) spoke in support of Marty's ordination.

Motion was sustained to approve the ordination of and install Marty Carpenter into full membership in the EPC Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest.

Motion was sustained to approve the Administrative Commission consisting of RE's Eilene Browne, Rob Cairns and Terry Lewis of Sanger Community Church, Sanger, CA, TE Lana Roberts and RE Scott Norvell from First Presbyterian Church, Fresno, CA, and TE Ron Owens, Associate-Retired member of the Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest, to ordain Marty Carpenter as Chaplain (Sanger, CA Police Department) on October 20, 2019 at 2:00 pm.

Marty was invited back into the room and was greeted with a standing ovation. TE Paul Bergquam gave a charge and prayed for Marty.

6-33 Dissolution of Call

The congregation of Fowler Presbyterian Church has agreed with TE Mark Almlie's request to dissolve the pastoral relationship between the church and him. Mark will remain in the Presbytery as a Member Without Call.

Motion was sustained to dissolve the pastoral relationship between Fowler Presbyterian Church, Fowler, CA and TE Mark Almlie effective October 19, 2019.

6-34 Update on Searches

TE Abdo shared that several churches in the Presbytery are seeking to call teaching elders.

6-35 Report of the Session Minutes Review Committee

RE Jim Conners, Chair, opened in prayer and briefed the Presbytery on some of the common errors or omissions found in Session minutes. He noted that minutes from the following churches were successfully reviewed:

Covenant Presbyterian Church, San Diego, CA
Easton Presbyterian Church, Fresno, CA
First Presbyterian Church, Bakersfield, CA
First Presbyterian Church, Hanford, CA
Heritage EPC, Santa Maria, CA
Kingman Presbyterian Church, Kingman, AZ
Valley Community Church, San Jacinto, CA
Woodlake Presbyterian Church, Woodlake, CA

Churches with minutes still outstanding will be contacted by the Chair.

6-36 Report of the Care of Candidates Committee

TE Jay Hull, Chair of the Care of Candidates Committee, opened in prayer and introduced Ryan Pearce, who was seeking to come under the care of the Presbytery. Ryan was under care of the Session of Community Presbyterian Church, Danville, CA. The Session recommended him to the Presbytery as a Candidate Under Care.

The candidate briefly shared his spiritual journey, his sense of call and why he had chosen the EPC. The Presbytery then examined him on his Christian experience and growth, his motive for seeking ordination, and his call to the ministry.

Motion was sustained to arrest the examination

The Candidate was excused from the room. TE Bill Haslim from Community Presbyterian Church, Danville, CA spoke in support of Ryan.

Motion was sustained to approve Ryan Pearce to come under the care of the EPC Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest and approve TE Dave Ricketts from Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church, Moraga, CA as advisor to Candidate Pearce.

The candidate was invited back into the room and was greeted with a standing ovation. Moderator Perkins asked the candidate the constitutional questions, to which the candidate responded affirmatively. RE Cheryl Thompson from Community Presbyterian Church, Danville, CA prayed for the candidate and TE Dave Ricketts gave the candidate a charge from Ephesians 3:18-20.

6-37 Retirement of Ron Bengelink and Holly Carlson

Stated Clerk Eshoff noted that Ron Bengelink, former Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of the Pacific and current Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of the Pacific Northwest and Holly Carlson, former Presbytery Assistant, were retiring effective December 31, 2019.

Motion was sustained to express our deep appreciation to Ron Bengelink and Holly Carlson for their commitment to and support of churches, teaching elders and ruling elders in the previous Presbytery of the Pacific, and to wish them God's richest blessings in their retirement from service in the Presbytery of the Pacific Northwest.

RE Connie Badgley prayed a prayer of thanks for Ron and Holly.

6-38 Omnibus/Consent Motion

These motions were considered to be routine and were considered for action as one motion:

- 1. That the Minutes of the Fifth Stated Meeting of the EPC Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest, May 16-17, 2019 be approved as posted (these minutes are available on the website).**
- 2. That the call of TE Chris Eatough as Assistant Pastor for Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church, Fair Oaks, CA be renewed for a term of 2 years.**
- 3. To accept the report of the Ministerial Committee acting as an Administrative Commission to transfer TE Jake McCall to the ECO Presbytery of the South.**
- 4. To accept the report of the Ministerial Committee acting as an Administrative Commission to approve the 2019 Terms of Call for Pacific Southwest Presbytery Teaching Elders.**

Motion was sustained to approve the Omnibus/Consent Motion

6-39 New Business

Important Upcoming Dates

Moderator Perkins noted the following upcoming events:

January 24-25, 2020	Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest Meeting Covenant Presbyterian Church, San Diego, CA
May 14-15, 2020	Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest Meeting Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church, Fair Oaks, CA
October 6-8, 2020	Pastor's Retreat at Mt. Hermon Conference Center Santa Cruz, CA
October 9-10, 2020	Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest Meeting Christ Church East Bay, Berkeley, CA

Hosting Opportunities

Moderator Perkins reminded the Presbytery that opportunities are available to host the Presbytery at its future meetings, and to contact the Stated Clerk if a church is interested in offering an invitation.

He also noted that opportunities are available to host Discovery Workshops in 2020.

6-40 Meeting Evaluations

Moderator Perkins stated the value of commissioner input and informed the Presbytery that the Stated Clerk will email an evaluation form to all registered commissioners.

6-41 Closing Prayer and Adjournment

Moderator Perkins adjourned the sixth meeting of the Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest in prayer at 12:05 pm.

TE Rob Perkins, Moderator

RE Mark Eshoff, Stated Clerk