

# **PROVISIONAL MINUTES**

# Fourth Meeting of the EPC Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest January 25-26, 2019

# **Easton Presbyterian Church**

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Meeting Theme: Building our connectional relationships

# FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 2019

## 4-1 Call to Order and Opening Prayer

Moderator, TE Rev. Rob Perkins, called the fourth meeting of the Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest (POPS) to order at 9:05 am and opened the meeting with prayer.

#### 4-2 Declaration of Quorum

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

## **Attendance Report:**

Centerpoint Community Church - Roseville, CA

TE James Barstow Excused John Hulsebus, Tom Pool

TE Nancy Duff Present
TE Bryan Yeo Excused

Centerville Presbyterian Church - Fremont, CA

TE Greg Roth Present Sydney Belanger, Janet Goodman, Marilyn Khalaji,

TE Marsha Roth Excused Norma Moore, Cordelia Shieh

Christ Church, Berkeley, CA

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

Clayton Community Church – Clayton, CA
TE Shawn Robinson Present
TE Ron Musch Excused

Community Presbyterian Church - Danville, CA

TE Tyler Scott Present Mike Miller, Rhea Serpan, Pat Serpan, Cheryl
TE Cathy Burkholder Present Thompson, Bernard Thompson, Rick Wyzykowski

TE Bill Haslim Present
TE Heidi Johnson Present

Covenant Community Church – Vacaville, CA
TE Julia Leeth Present

Covenant Presbyterian Church – Orange, CA
TE Scott Larson Unexcused
TE Dennis Tarr Unexcused

Covenant Presbyterian Church - Reno, NV

TE James (Jay) Hull Present Dianne Billharz, Gerry Dunlap, Bill Meyers

Covenant Presbyterian Church - San Diego, CA

TE Patrick King Excused

Easton Presbyterian Church - Fresno, CA

TE David Abdo Present Lilace Turmon, Larry Warden

Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church - Fair Oaks, CA

TE Josh Hall Present Andrew Robertson, Jesse Huff, Chris Larsen,

TE Chris Eatough Present Michael Shumaker, Dory Snider

TE Clifford Graves Present

First Armenian Church - Fresno, CA

TE Greg Haroutunian Present Hagop Afarian, Ed Esajian

First Presbyterian Church - Bakersfield, CA

TE Jeff Chandler Excused Jim Conners

TE David Constance Present
TE Scott Dickson Present

First Presbyterian Church – Fresno, CA

TE Jeremy Vaccaro Present Allen Knepper, Charity Whitney, Deborah Hughes,

TE Lana Roberts Present Touradj Etezadi, Scott Norvell

TE Chris Popadich Present

First Presbyterian Church - Hanford, CA

TE Tony Winterowd Present Annette Rajskup

Fowler Presbyterian Church - Fowler, CA

TE Mark Almlie Present John Cruz

Fremont Presbyterian Church – Sacramento, CA

TE David Burke Present Greg Flagg, Patty Howard, Lynn Jordan,

TE David Pack Present Vicki Meyer

Heritage EPC - Santa Maria, CA

TE Dave Brogren Present Jason Walker

Hope Presbyterian Church – Folsom, CA TE David Huusko Excused

Kingman Presbyterian Church – Kingman, AZ

TE George Carey Present Joan Johns

Millbrook Presbyterian Church – Fresno, CA

TE Jerry Voss Present Larry Jensen

Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church - Moraga, CA

TE Rob Perkins (Moderator) Present Gordan Lewis, Jeff Lowe, Dave Evans, Anne Geiger,

TE David Ricketts Present Penny Glover, Tom McIntosh

TE Sam Fielder Present
TE Tommy Branagh Present

New Life Community Church – Covelo, CA

TE Penny Proschold Present Linda Marshall

Sanger Community Church – Sanger, CA

TE Paul Bergquam Present Terry Lewis, John Walker

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 Present

Woodlake Presbyterian Church - Woodlake, CA

TE Jonathan Dennis Present Margaret Crabtree, Brian Vaccaro

OFFICERS OF THE PRESBYTERY

RE Mark Eshoff, Stated Clerk Present RE Connie Badgley, Treasurer Present

MILITARY CHAPLAINS ON ACTIVE DUTY

None

INSTITUTIONAL CHAPLAINS

TE Karen Bolte Unexcused

**EVANGELISTS** 

TE Jose Figueroa Excused
TE Robin Kelley Unexcused

SERVING OUTSIDE THE BOUNDARIES

TE Joe Cole Unexcused
TE Greg Ehlert Unexcused
TE David Flaig Unexcused
TE Samuel Kim Excused
TE Melaku Mekuria Unexcused
TE Mgrdich Melkonian Unexcused
TE Rick Nylund Excused

#### MEMBERS SERVING AS ADMINSTRATIVE MEMBERS

TE David Fenska Present
TE Greg Livingstone Present

#### MEMBERS WITHOUT A CALL

TE Scott Downing Present
TE Jake McCall Unexcused
TE Anthony (Tony) Stiff Unexcused
TE Steve Tyra Unexcused

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS – Outside Boundaries TE Kurt Teng Not Present

#### ASSOCIATE MEMBERS - ACTIVE

TE Donald Baird 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 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 Chaluay Ruangchan Not Present TE Richard Sanner Not Present

#### GUESTS/OBSERVERS/CANDIDATES/MINISTERS TO BE EXAMINED

Dana Abdo Easton Presbyterian Church, Fresno

Marty Carpenter Sanger Community Church **Monty Carpenter** Sanger Community Church Vince Carrel First Presbyterian Church, Fresno Cathy Cole Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest Woodlake Presbyterian Church Ken Crabtree Janet Dunlap Covenant Presbyterian Church, Reno Cheryl Eshoff Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest **Charles Feaver** First Presbyterian Church, Hanford

Mindy Fenska EPC World Outreach

Eugene Freeman Heritage Church, Santa Maria Christina Huff Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church

Denell Hull Covenant Presbyterian Church, Reno
Denise Hulsebus Centerpoint Community Church, Roseville

Terry Jaurena First Presbyterian Church, Fresno Carolie Jensen Millbrook Presbyterian Church

Bill Massaqoi Liberian Mission
Ed McCallum EPC World Outreach
Nan McCallum EPC World Outreach

Beth Paz First Presbyterian Church, Fresno

Jeremiah Ramer Community Presbyterian Church, Danville

Clifford Ronk Woodlake Presbyterian Church

Drew Speroni Sierra Presbyterian Church, Nevada City Ryan Suzuki Community Presbyterian Church, Danville

Judith Thoren Sanger Community Church

Judi Vaccaro Woodlake Presbyterian Church Judy Walston Woodlake Presbyterian Church

Dennis Yim Centerville Presbyterian Church, Fremont

#### NUMERICAL ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

	Present	Excused	Unexcused	Total/Parity
Teaching Elders (Full Members)	42	13	12	67
Teaching Elders (Associate - Active)	1	1		
Teaching Elders (Associate)	1			
Ruling Elders	52			
Officers of the Presbytery	2			
Commissioned Pastors	0			
Received Pending Dismissal	0			
Transitional Members	0			
Candidates/Guests/Observers	28			
TOTAL IN ATTENDANCE	126			
Associate & Retired Members (Not Pro	esent)	12		
Inactive Members (Not Present)	,	0		

## **Status Changes:**

TE Tommy Branagh - from Assistant Pastor to Associate Pastor

TE Scott Downing – from Minister Without Call to Evangelist (Rural Compassion)

TE Donald Baird – from Active-Retired to Transitional Pastor (Outside the Bounds)

TE David Brogren – from Pastor to Active-Retired

Removed from Candidate Roll: Leedah Wong

Catherine Evans Alexander Sung

## New to the Rolls:

Dennis Yim, Candidate Under Care, Centerville Presbyterian Church, Fremont, CA

#### 4-3 Welcome

TE Rev. David Abdo welcomed the Presbytery and gave a brief overview of the ministry of Easton Presbyterian Church, Fresno, CA. Moderator Perkins presented to David and his church the honorary POPS carabineer, which represents the connected community of which they are a part.

#### 4-4 Introduction of Guests

Moderator Perkins asked new commissioners and new observers to stand and thanked them for their participation.

## 4-5 Morning Worship

The Worship Team from Easton Presbyterian Church led the Presbytery in worship. TE Rev. David Pack, Associate Pastor from Fremont Presbyterian Church in Sacramento, CA prayed and preached a sermon on 2 Corinthians 1:3-11. Moderator Perkins then asked the Presbytery to pray in small groups using Revelation 4:9, 11; 5:9-10, 12-14 as a prayer guide.

#### 4-6 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 October 12-13, 2018. He also reviewed the voting guidelines for the Presbytery, noted the informational handouts that were available at the handout table, reminded the Presbytery about the

updated Parity List, and emphasized the importance of the TE Annual Reports, which would be distributed to all active members of the Presbytery at the beginning of February. He then shared the priorities of the POPS 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.

## 4-7 Approval of the Docket

Stated Clerk Eshoff presented the proposed docket to the Presbytery for approval.

## Motion was sustained to adopt the docket

## 4-8 Nominating Committee Report

TE Dave Brogren, Chair of the Nominating Committee prayed and then updated the Presbytery on the Committee's progress and presented two motions from the Committee to approve the election of the Moderator to a second one-year term and to approve a member of the Mission Committee (Class of 2021). Moderator Perkins selected Past Moderator, TE Nancy Duff, to moderate the meeting for the two motions.

Motion was sustained to approve the nomination of TE Rob Perkins as Moderator for a second one-year term for 2019.

Moderator Pro Tem Duff then prayed for Moderator Perkins.

Motion was sustained to approve the nomination of RE Joan Johns from Kingman

Presbyterian Church, Kingman, AZ as a member of the Mission Committee (Class of 2021).

Moderator Perkins then re-assumed his position and thanked TE Duff for her assistance.

## 4-9 Session Minutes Review Committee

Chairman RE Jim Conners opened in prayer and explained the process for reviewing the Session minutes of individual churches on an annual basis during the Presbytery Meeting. One third of the churches in the Presbytery are to submit their minutes each Presbytery Meeting, based on the schedule that Chairman Conners made available to the Presbytery. Moderator Perkins requested six commissioners (four RE's and 2 TE's) to volunteer to assist in the reviews. The required number of commissioners volunteered to review the minutes. Those commissioners were: TE Jonathan Dennis, Woodlake Presbyterian Church, Woodlake, CA, TE Penny Proschold, New Life Community Church, Covelo, CA, RE Linda Marshall, New Life Community Church, Covelo, CA, RE Dory Snider, Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church, Fair Oaks, CA, RE Joan Johns, Kingman Presbyterian Church, Kingman, AZ, RE Janet Goodman, Centerville Presbyterian Church, Fremont, CA, and RE Jim Conners, First Presbyterian Church, Bakersfield, CA (Chair).

## **Scheduled Reviews for January:**

Centerpoint Community Church, Roseville, CA Centerville Presbyterian Church, Fremont, CA Christ Church East Bay, Berkeley, CA Covenant Community Church, Vacaville, CA Covenant Presbyterian Church, Reno, NV Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church, Fair Oaks, CA Fremont Presbyterian Church, Sacramento, CA Hope Presbyterian Church, Folsom, CA Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church, Moraga, CA Sierra Presbyterian Church, Nevada City, CA

## **Delayed reviews from October 2018**

Covenant Presbyterian Church, Orange, CA

## Delayed reviews from May 2018:

First Armenian Presbyterian Church, Fresno, CA St. John's Assyrian Church, Turlock, CA

#### 4-10 General Assembly Descending Overture

Stated Clerk Eshoff

Stated Clerk Eshoff presented the Descending Overture 18-A from the 38<sup>th</sup> EPC General Assembly in June 2018 that was sent to the presbyteries for their approval. The overture amends the *Book of Government* 9-11, changing the ministry description for the Commissioned Pastor (CP). The role and function of the CP has been clarified, including an extension of ministry opportunity in the local church. Stated Clerk Eshoff reviewed the highlights of the overture and presented information developed by the General Assembly office to address questions about the overture. He explained the procedures for the counting of votes on the overture, including a reminder that, while the issues could be debated, no amendments to the overtures were allowed. Several members of Presbytery shared differing views on the issue and the debate was concluded with a prayer of discernment led by Moderator Perkins. TE's David Brogren and Greg Roth and RE Jim Conners served as tellers to count the vote.

## The motion to approve Descending Overture 18-A was defeated by a count of

30 Yes

45 No

2 abstentions.

#### 4-11 Revelation 7:9 Commission Report

Beth Paz, a member of the General Assembly Revelation 7:9 Commission, presented a progress report on the Commission's work. They are in the process of receiving input from a variety of sources around the denomination. She invited any member of Presbytery to meet with her during the lunch hour to provide input to their work. TE Greg Haroutunian prayed for Beth and the work of the Commission.

## **4-12 Community of Churches** – Christ Church East Bay, Berkeley, CA

TE Bart Garrett and TE Patrick Vaughn shared an update on the ministry of Christ Church East Bay, Berkeley, CA. Bart discussed the unique nature of the consortium of churches associated with Christ Church and the staff and structure of their church. The key question they are trying to address is, "How do we make disciples?" Moderator Perkins presented an EPCPOPS carabineer to TE Garrett and the church, which represents their part in the community of the Presbytery. TE Sam Fielder prayed for Christ Church East Bay and its leaders.

## 4-13 Treasurer Report

RE Connie Badgley, Treasurer, opened in prayer and presented the 2018 Year-end financial statements for the Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest and the 2018 POPS Financial Review from the auditor. The reports were made available to the Presbytery.

## 4-14 General Assembly Nominating Committee Report

TE Dave Ricketts, member of the GA Nominating Committee opened in prayer and shared about opportunities available to serve on committees at the national level. TE Cathy Burkholder prayed for the work of the GA Nominating Committee and the GA leadership.

# 4-15 Church Planting Report

TE Bart Garrett, POPS Church Planting Liaison, shared his mission "to help our geographical clusters to become missional networks for the sake of local ministry, including church planting." He suggested that the best adjective of the church is "missional," and spoke of the challenges and the benefits when a church engages in planting other churches.

## 4-16 Cluster Group Discussions

The Presbytery divided into geographic clusters and discussed different ways that they could work together as missional networks. Notes were taken on the discussion and agreed upon actions. Those notes were forwarded to the Stated Clerk.

## 4-17 Care of Candidates Committee Report

TE Jay Hull, Chair of the Care of Candidates Committee, opened in prayer and then introduced Dennis Yim, who was ready to come under the care of the Presbytery. TE Hull prayed for him. Dennis was currently under care of the Session of Centerville Presbyterian Church, Fremont, CA. The Session had recommended him to the Presbytery as a Candidate Under Care.

Dennis briefly shared his spiritual journey, his sense of call and why he has 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 end the examination

Following the examination, Dennis was dismissed from the room. TE Greg Roth spoke in support of Dennis's candidacy.

Motion was sustained to approve Dennis Yim to come under care of the EPC Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest and approve TE Mark Wollan as advisor to Candidate Yim.

The candidate was invited back to the room and received a standing ovation.

The following Constitutional Questions were asked of and answered in the affirmative by the Candidate:

- As you understand God's working in your heart and life, do you continue to believe yourself called to the office of Teaching Elder?
- Do you now submit yourself to the care and supervision of this Presbytery as you prepare yourself for this office?
- Do you renew your commitment as a Christian, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, to live as becomes a follower of Jesus?

Moderator Perkins invited members of the Presbytery to come forward to pray for Dennis. TE Julia Leeth led in prayer.

TE Jonathan Dennis gave a charge to Dennis from Matthew 6:33.

## **4-18** Care of Candidates Report (continued)

## **Candidate Process for Ryan Suzuki**

The Care of Candidates Committee recommended that Ryan Suzuki, currently a Candidate Under Care of the Presbytery, be classified as a Candidate Under Extraordinary Circumstances and be referred to the General Assembly Ministerial Vocation Committee for review of his educational background and requirements. It was noted that this vote requires a 2/3 majority of the Presbytery.

Motion was sustained to refer candidate Ryan Suzuki 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.

#### 4-19 Remove Candidates from Rolls

Several candidates under the care of the Presbytery have chosen to pursue other avenues of ministry.

Motion was sustained to remove Catherine Evans, Alexander Sung and Leedah Wong from the rolls of Presbytery as Candidates Under Care.

RE Tom MacIntosh prayed for the three candidates and for Ryan Suzuki in his process of care.

## 4-20 Mission Committee Report

TE Greg Roth, Chair of the Mission Committee, introduced TE George Carey, Chair of the E2025 POPS Home Team, who opened in prayer and shared about the progress of identifying a people group for the Presbytery to sponsor. TE Roth also introduced TE Greg Livingstone from EPC World Outreach, Bill Massaquoi, EPC missionary in Liberia and Ed and Nan McCallum from ITEN, all of whom spoke briefly about their work. TE Roth shared about the health challenges faced by his wife, TE Marsha Roth, and his decision to resign as chair of the POPS Mission Committee. Moderator Perkins prayed for Greg and Marsha.

## 4-21 Protecting our Churches

At its meeting in October 2018, the Presbytery asked the Stated Clerk to draft a policy on Harassment to apply to members and staff of the Presbytery. The policy has been reviewed by the Presbytery Council and was presented for approval. After discussion, it was suggested that some changes be made.

Motion was sustained to table the Harassment Policy for the EPC Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest until the May 2019 Presbytery Meeting.

## 4-22 Proposed Overture to the 39<sup>th</sup> General Assembly

Stated Clerk Eshoff presented a request from the Presbytery of the Pacific Northwest to support a proposed overture to the 39<sup>th</sup> General Assembly in Denver, CO to provide a clarification to the current EPC Book of Order.

Motion was sustained by a counted vote of 31 Yes, 29 No, and 7 abstentions to approve the proposed overture to the 39<sup>th</sup> General Assembly initiated by the Presbytery of the Pacific Northwest to modify the statement found in BoG 11-2C by adding the words in italics as shown below:

"The Presbytery shall make public examination of the Candidate as to Christian experience and growth, the motive for seeking ordination and specifically in the EPC, and a statement regarding the person's call to the Ministry."

## 4-23 Pacific Women's Link

RE Cheryl Thompson opened in prayer and shared about the ministry of the Pacific Women's Link to support the work of women in ministry.

## 4-24 Meeting Recess and Prayer

Moderator Perkins thanked the Presbytery for their attention and prayed for dinner. The meeting recessed at 5:00 pm.

A catered dinner was served by the Easton Presbyterian Church, Fresno, CA.

## **Worship Service**

Rev. David Abdo from Easton Presbyterian Church presented the evening message. The service also include the celebration of Communion and an offering for the *New Church Development Fund*.

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 2019

## 4-25 Meeting reconvenes

Moderator Perkins reconvened the meeting at 9:00 am and opened in prayer.

## 4-26 Declaration of a Quorum

Stated Clerk Eshoff declared a quorum.

#### 4-27 Introduction of Additional Guests

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

#### 4-28 Appreciations to the Host Church

Moderator Perkins expressed deep appreciation to the host church, Easton Presbyterian Church, Fresno, CA, TE David Abdo, 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.

## 4-29 Morning Worship

The Worship Team from Easton Presbyterian Church led the Presbytery in worship. TE Guy Boyer, Pastor of Valley Community Church in San Jacinto, CA prayed and preached a sermon on John 1:15-17. Moderator Perkins then asked the Presbytery to pray in small groups using 2 Chronicles 7 as a prayer guide.

# 4-30 Report of the Session Review Committee

RE Jim Conners, Chair, opened in prayer and made several general suggestions that would improve the clarity and quality of Session minutes. He then reported that the following

Session minutes were reviewed through December 2018, and were found to be in compliance:

Centerpoint Community Church, Roseville, CA
Centerville Presbyterian Church, Fremont, CA
Christ Church East Bay, Berkeley, CA
Covenant Community Church, Vacaville, CA
Covenant Presbyterian Church of Reno, Reno, NV
Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church, Fair Oaks, CA
Fremont Presbyterian Church, Sacramento, CA
Hope Presbyterian Church, Folsom, CA
Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church, Moraga, CA
Sierra Presbyterian Church, Nevada City, CA
First Armenian Presbyterian Church, Fresno, CA
St. John's Assyrian Church, Turlock, CA

## **4-31 Community of Churches** – Sanger Community Church

TE Paul Bergquam shared an update on the ministry of Sanger Presbyterian Church. He shared the vision from Jeremiah 1:9-10 and asked for prayer on their upcoming transition as he is planning to retire in Spring 2019. TE Tony Winterowd prayed for Paul and the church. Moderator Perkins presented an honorary EPCPOPS carabineer to TE Bergquam and the church, which represents their part of the community of the Presbytery.

## 4-32 Report of the Ministerial Committee

TE David Abdo, Chair of the POPS Ministerial Committee, opened in prayer and introduced several motions on behalf of the Committee.

## Change of Status - TE Tommy Branagh

The congregation of Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church has voted to call Tommy Branagh as Associate Pastor for Student Ministries. Tommy is currently serving there as Assistant Pastor. The Session of the church voted unanimously to approve this call.

Motion was sustained to approve the call of Tommy Branagh as Associate Pastor for Student Ministries at Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church, Moraga, CA.

Motion was sustained to approve the Administrative Commission consisting of TE Rob Perkins from Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church, Moraga, CA, RE Jim Wiley, RE Shannon Cereghino and RE Peter Wright from Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church, Moraga, CA and RE Matt Branagh from Christ Church East Bay, Berkeley, CA to install Tommy Branagh as Associate Pastor for Student Ministries at Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church, Moraga, CA on February 24, 2019 at 5:00 pm.

TE Dave Ricketts prayed for Tommy and for Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church.

## 4-33 Change of Status – TE Scott Downing

TE Scott Downing has received a call to serve in a pastoral care and leadership training role for Rural Compassion, a nationwide mission group that is dedicated to train, encourage, strengthen and empower small and rural churches.

Motion was sustained to approve the call for TE Scott Downing to serve outside the bounds of the Presbytery as an Evangelist in a pastoral care and leadership training role for Rural Compassion for three years effective January 26, 2019.

TE Shawn Robinson prayed for Scott Downing and his new call

#### 4-34 Out of Bounds Call – TE Donald Baird

TE Don Baird has accepted the Session's call to serve as the Transitional Pastor for the Fairbanks Presbyterian Church, Fairbanks, AK. Don has served in this role for several churches since his retirement as Pastor of the Fremont Presbyterian Church in Sacramento CA. Don will be serving outside the bounds of the Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest. Therefore, a newly approved revision to the Book of Order [BoG 10-7A.1.c] requires us to approve his call to this position.

Motion was sustained to approve the call for TE Donald Baird to serve outside the bounds of the Presbytery as the Transitional Pastor and Moderator of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church, Fairbanks, AK, for one year effective January 11, 2019.

RE Patty Howard prayed for Don in this new call.

## 4-35 Update on Heritage Church Santa Maria, CA

TE Abdo shared that the Session of Heritage Church was working to discern a direction for the future for the church, in consultation with the Administrative Commission chaired by TE Tony Winterowd that was formed for that purpose. The Ministerial Committee has approved RE Jim Brown as temporary moderator of the Session and pulpit supply for the near term during this process.

#### 4-36 Retirement of TE Dave Brogren

Dave Brogren was ordained in the EPC in 1994 and has served congregations in South Carolina and Kansas, as well as his most recent call in Santa Maria, CA. In addition to his pastoral work, he has served on General Assembly committees and as Ministerial Chair of Presbyteries of the West and the Pacific. He is currently chair of the Nominating Committee of our Presbytery. He and his wife, Lynn, have three daughters and two grandchildren. A slide show was presented by Heritage EPC, Santa Maria, CA to recognize Dave's ministry there. The Presbytery honored him for his commitment to Christ and for his sacrificial leadership in the Body of Christ.

Motion was sustained to approve the Change of Status to Active–Retired for TE Dave Brogren, with grateful thanks for many years of service to the Presbytery and to the EPC.

RE Jason Walker prayed for Dave and his family in this new season

#### 4-37 Omnibus/Consent Motion

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

- That the Minutes of the Third Stated Meeting of the EPC Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest, October 12-13, 2018 be approved as posted on the Presbytery website.
- 2. That the Administrative Commission to ordain and install Scott Larson as Pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church, Orange, CA be dismissed with appreciation for their

- service to the Presbytery, to the pastor and to the congregation. The commission's minutes are on file with the Stated Clerk.
- 3. That the Administrative Commission to install The Table Church, San Francisco, CA as a local church in the Presbytery be dismissed with appreciation for their service to the Presbytery, to the pastor and to the congregation. The commission's minutes are on file with the Stated Clerk.
- 4. That the call of TE Brian Kay as Assistant Pastor for Christ Church East Bay, Berkeley, CA be renewed for a term of 2 years.
- 5. That the call of TE Chris Popadich as Assistant Pastor for First Presbyterian Church, Fresno, CA be renewed for a term of 1 year.
- 6. That the Presbytery confirm the action by the POPS Ministerial Committee to approve the installation of TE Troy Wilson as Pastor of The Table Church, San Francisco, CA on November 11, 2018.
- 7. That the call of TE Jerry Voss as Stated Supply Pastor of the Millbrook Presbyterian Church be renewed for one year effective January 1, 2019, renewable in 2020, with the same terms of call and with the authority to preach the Word, administer the Sacraments, and moderate the Session.
- 8. That the following members Ministering Out of Bounds be approved to continue their ministry for the year 2019: TE Joe Cole (Pastor, New Song Community Church, Carlsbad, CA); TE Greg Ehlert (Campus Pastor/InterVarsity Staff, San Diego, CA); TE David Flaig (Pastor, Sun Grove Church, Elk Grove, CA); TE Steve Frank (Missionary, Timothy Two Project International, Folsom, CA); TE Samuel Kim (Youth Pastor, Fullerton Presbyterian Church-KPCA, Fullerton, CA); TE Melaku Mekuria (Pastor, Maranatha Ethiopian Christian Fellowship, San Diego, CA); TE Mgrdich Melkonian (Pastor to Pastors, Armenian Missionary Association of America); TE Rick Nylund (Pastor, Neighborhood Church, Pleasant Hill, CA) TE Kurt Teng (Pastor, Chinese Baptist Church, Anaheim, CA Mandarin).

MOTION: To approve the Omnibus/Consent Motion

#### 4-38 New Business

## **Important Upcoming Dates**

**Moderator Perkins** 

Moderator Perkins reminded the Presbytery of the important upcoming dates:

May 16-17, 2019	Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest Meeting First Presbyterian Church, Bakersfield, CA
June 18-21, 2019	General Assembly Cherry Creek Presbyterian Church, Denver, CO
October 8-10, 2019	Pastor's Retreat at Mt. Hermon Conference Center Santa Cruz, CA
October 11-12, 2019	Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest Meeting Covenant Community Church, Vacaville, CA

# 4-39 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 also available to host Discovery Workshops in 2019.

# 4-40 Meeting Evaluation

Stated Clerk Eshoff stated the value of commissioner input and will email an evaluation form to all registered commissioners.

# 4-41 Closing Prayer and Adjournment

Moderator Perkins adjourned the fourth meeting of the Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest in prayer at 11:55 am.

TE Rob Perkins, Moderator	RE Mark Eshoff, Stated Clerk