



PROVISIONAL MINUTES

Seventh Meeting of the EPC Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest
January 24-25, 2020

Covenant Presbyterian Church, San Diego, CA
2930 Howard Avenue
San Diego, CA 92104
619-563-0560

Meeting Theme: *Facilitating Effective Ministry and Leadership*

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2020

7-1 Call to Order and Opening Prayer

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

7-2 Declaration of Quorum

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

Centerpoint Community Church – Roseville, CA

TE James Barstow	Excused	Connie Badgley, Jennifer Harrington, Alex Shaw
TE Nancy Duff	Present	
TE Bryan Yeo	Present	

Centerville Presbyterian Church – Fremont, CA

TE Dennis Tarr	Present	Sydney Belanger, Jim Harrison, Marilyn Khalaji, Norma Moore
TE Dennis Yim	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	Excused

Community Presbyterian Church – Danville, CA

TE Tyler Scott	Excused	Kristen Anderson, Michelle Bleasdel, Pat Serpan, Rhea Serpan, Bern Thompson, Cheryl Thompson
TE Cathy Burkholder	Excused	
TE Bill Haslim	Present	
TE Heidi Johnson	Excused	

Covenant Community Church – Vacaville, CA TE Julia Leeth Present	Barbara Cantrell, Rebecca Duvall
Covenant Presbyterian Church – Orange, CA TE Scott Larson Present	Stephen Morris
Covenant Presbyterian Church – Reno, NV TE James (Jay) Hull Present	Dianne Billharz, Bill Myers
Covenant Presbyterian Church – San Diego, CA TE Patrick King Present	Leonard Leong, Cathy Metts, Eric Preibusius
Easton Presbyterian Church – Fresno, CA TE David Abdo Present	
Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church – Fair Oaks, CA TE Josh Hall Present TE Chris Eatough Excused TE Clifford Graves Excused	Tim Dakin, Ashley Franke, Kristine Johnson, Carl Kuhn
First Armenian Church – Fresno, CA TE Greg Haroutunian Present	
First Presbyterian Church – Bakersfield, CA TE Jeff Chandler Present TE David Constance Present TE Scott Dickson Present	
First Presbyterian Church – Fresno, CA TE Jeremy Vaccaro Present	Bekah Hanson, Scott Norvell
First Presbyterian Church – Hanford, CA TE Tony Winterowd Excused	
Fowler Presbyterian Church – Fowler, CA Vacant	
Fremont Presbyterian Church – Sacramento, CA TE David Burke Excused TE David Pack Excused	Greg Flagg
Heritage EPC – Santa Maria, CA Vacant	James Brown, Ruth Brown, Michelle VanderMeulen, Jason Walker
Hope Presbyterian Church – Folsom, CA TE David Huusko Present	Marty Brown
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 Present TE David Ricketts Present TE Tommy Branagh Present	Ron Budde, Christine Deane, Dave Evans, Spencer Larson

New Life Community Church – Covelo, CA Vacant	Jacqui Kendall, Linda Marshall
Sanger Community Church – Sanger, CA Vacant	Judy Thoren, Gordon Wolf
San Ramon Presbyterian Church – San Ramon, CA TE Mark Wollan	Present
Sierra Presbyterian Church – Nevada City, CA TE Michael Griffin	Excused
St. John’s Assyrian Presbyterian Church – Turlock, CA TE Edward Eissabake	Excused
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
OFFICERS OF THE PRESBYTERY	
RE Jim Conners, Moderator	Present
RE Mark Eshoff, Stated Clerk	Present
MILITARY CHAPLAINS ON ACTIVE DUTY	
None	
INSTITUTIONAL CHAPLAINS	
TE Karen Bolte	Excused
TE Marty Carpenter	Present
EVANGELISTS	
TE Jose Figueroa	Unexcused
TE Robin Kelley	Excused
SERVING OUTSIDE THE BOUNDARIES	
TE Joe Cole	Present
TE Greg Ehlert	Present
TE David Flaig	Excused
TE Melaku Mekuria	Present
TE Mgrdich Melkonian	Unexcused
TE Rick Nylund	Excused
MEMBERS SERVING AS ADMINISTRATIVE MEMBERS	
TE David Fenska	Present
TE Greg Livingstone	Present
MEMBERS WITHOUT A CALL	
TE Mark Almlie	Unexcused
TE Scott Downing	Present
TE Sam Fielder	Unexcused
TE Samuel Kim	Present
TE Chris Popadich	Unexcused
TE Steve Tyra	Unexcused
TE Jason Yum	Excused

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS – Outside Boundaries

TE Kurt Teng Not Present

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS – ACTIVE

TE Donald Baird Excused
TE Paul Bergquam Excused
TE David Brogren Present
TE Kirk Bottomly Unexcused
TE Scott Farmer Unexcused

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 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 Lana Roberts Present
TE Greg Roth Present
TE Marsha Roth Present
TE Chaluay Ruangchan Not Present
TE Richard Sanner Not Present

GUESTS/OBSERVERS/CANDIDATES/MINISTERS TO BE EXAMINED

Meagan Bergem First Presbyterian Church, Fresno
Cathy Brandt Southport Christian Center, Chula Vista
Mike Brandt Southport Christian Center, Chula Vista
Nita Carey Kingman Presbyterian Church
Monty Carpenter Sanger Community Church
Cathy Cole Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest
Pam Conners First Presbyterian Church, Bakersfield
Janet Downing Rural Compassion, Danville
Cheryl Eshoff Fremont Presbyterian Church, Sacramento
Mindy Fenska EPC World Outreach
Janet Goodman Covenant Presbyterian Church, Reno
Mark Harrington Centerpoint Community Church, Roseville
Candie Harrison Centerville Presbyterian Church, Fremont
Denell Hull Covenant Presbyterian Church, Reno
Bill MacDonald Logos Presbyterian Church, Seattle
Kristen Maggitti Fremont Presbyterian Church, Sacramento
Dalena Morris Covenant Presbyterian Church, Orange
Andrew Ong Christ Church East Bay, Berkeley
Vanessa Platek Kirk of the Hills Presbyterian Church, Tulsa OK
Jarrod Puffenbarger First Presbyterian Church, Bakersfield
Gary Richter Celebrate Recovery, Port Orchard
Brian Roberts Clovis, CA
Kristen Stockamp First Presbyterian Church, Fresno
Nathan Stockamp First Presbyterian Church, Fresno
Phil Thrash EPC World Outreach
Deborah Walker Heritage EPC, Santa Maria
Aimee Whitson First Presbyterian Church, Bakersfield
Conner Whitson First Presbyterian Church, Bakersfield
David Whitson First Presbyterian Church, Bakersfield

NUMERICAL ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

	Present	Excused	Unexcused	Total/Parity
Teaching Elders (Full Members)	34	23	6	68
Teaching Elders (Associate - Active)	1	2	2	
Teaching Elders (Associate-Retired)	3			
Ruling Elders	42			
Officers of the Presbytery	2			
Commissioned Pastors	0			
Received Pending Dismissal	0			
Transitional Members	0			
Candidates/Guests/Observers	29			
TOTAL IN ATTENDANCE	111			
Associate & Retired Members (Not Present)	12			
Inactive Members (Not Present)	0			

7-3 Welcome

Rev. Patrick King welcomed the Presbytery and gave a brief overview of the history and ministry of Covenant Presbyterian Church, San Diego, CA. Moderator Perkins presented to Patrick and his church the honorary POPS carabineer, which represents the connected community of the Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest, of which they are a part.

7-4 Introductions

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

7-5 Installation of New Moderator

RE Jim Conners from First Presbyterian Church, Bakersfield, CA was installed as the new Moderator of the Presbytery for his first of two one-year terms. Outgoing Moderator Perkins presented Jim with the honorary POPS moderator’s sword. He shared about the ethos of the Presbytery and the foundation of the Presbytery being the Word of God. The past moderators of the Presbyteries of the Pacific and Pacific Southwest laid hands on RE Conners as TE Perkins prayed for him. RE Conners shared his vision for leading the Presbytery over the next years.

7-6 Recognition of Past Moderator

Stated Clerk Eshoff shared his appreciation on behalf of the Presbytery for TE Rob Perkins, who served for two years as Moderator for the Presbytery and he presented an appreciation gift to TE Perkins. He shared briefly about his experience as moderator and the importance of EPC’s four strategic initiatives. TE Shawn Robinson prayed for TE Perkins.

7-7 Worship

The Covenant Worship Team led the Presbytery in musical worship. TE Lana Roberts then preached a sermon from Luke 6:43-49.

7-8 Moderator’s Time of Prayer

Moderator Conners led the Presbytery in prayer in small groups based on Ephesians 3:14-21.

7-9 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 11-12, 2019. He also reviewed the voting guidelines for the Presbytery, noted the informational handouts that were available at the handout table, and brought attention to the updated Parity List, which identified the number of elder commissioners able to attend from each church. He also announced the upcoming GA Next Gen Summit in April 2020 and invited nominees from the Presbytery to apply to represent the Presbytery at the meeting.

7-10 Approval of the Docket

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

Motion was sustained to adopt the modified docket.

7-11 Session Minutes Review Committee

RE Janet Goodman, Chair, gave an overview of the process of reviewing Session minutes and shared the blessings derived from serving on the Review Committee. She requested six commissioners (four ruling elders and two teaching elders) to volunteer to assist in her review. Those commissioners were: TE Julia Leeth from Covenant Community Church, Vacaville, CA, TE Greg Roth from Centerville Presbyterian Church, Fremont, CA, RE Marty Brown from Hope Presbyterian Church, Folsom, CA, RE Christine Deane from Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church, Moraga, CA, RE Jim Brown from Heritage Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Santa Maria, CA, and RE Scott Norvell from First Presbyterian Church, Fresno, CA.

RE Goodman closed her report in prayer.

7-12 Breakout Resource Sessions

The Presbytery commissioners chose between six resource workshops in which to participate. The following workshops were offered and then repeated following lunch:

The Healthy Small Church	led by TE Scott Downing
Posture vs. Position	led by RE Jennifer Harrington
Transformational Ministry	led by TE Bill MacDonald
Creating a Positive Volunteer Culture	led by Kristen Maggitti (Fremont Presbyterian)
Officer Training in the EPC	led by RE Mark Eshoff
Praying for the Pashtuns	led by TE Dave Fenska

7-13 Report from the General Assembly Nominating Committee

TE Dave Ricketts, member of the GA Nominating Committee, opened in prayer and shared about opportunities available to serve on several of the GA committees. TE Nancy Duff prayed for the nominating process and for the ministry of the General Assembly office and leaders.

7-14 Mission Committee Report

RE Carl Kuhn, Chair, opened in prayer and introduced World Outreach representative Phil Thrash, who shared about the Pashtun people group adopted by the Presbytery as its E2025 partner. Phil encouraged the Presbytery to be praying for the World Outreach ministry in several ways. TE Greg Roth prayed for the Pashtuns, Mission Committee and their ministry.

- 7-15 Ministerial Committee Report**
TE David Abdo, Chair, opened in prayer and introduced several motions on the docket.
- 7-16 Dissolution of Call**
The congregation of Christ Church East Bay Church has agreed with TE Bart Garrett's request to dissolve the pastoral relationship between the church and him. Bart has accepted a call as Pastor/Head of Staff at Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church. Bart desires to retain his membership in the Presbytery despite being called to an ECO church.
- Motion was sustained to remove the following phrase from the original motion: *and transfer his credentials to ECO Bluewater Presbytery.***
- The amended motion was sustained to dissolve the pastoral relationship between Christ Church East Bay, Berkeley, CA and TE Bart Garrett effective February 23, 2020.**
- RE Bern Thompson prayed for Bart and his new call.
- 7-17 Dissolution of Call**
The congregation of Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church and TE Sam Fielder have agreed to dissolve the pastoral relationship between the church and him.
- Motion was sustained to dissolve the pastoral relationship between Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church, Moraga, CA and TE Sam Fielder effective December 31, 2019.**
- 7-18 Transitional Pastor Call**
The Session of Centerville Presbyterian Church has called TE Dennis Tarr, a member of our Presbytery, as Transitional Pastor. The Ministerial Committee has reviewed the written Covenant between the parties and has approved the Terms of Call.
- Motion was sustained to approve the call of TE Dennis Tarr as Transitional Pastor for Centerville Presbyterian Church, Fremont, CA beginning January 1, 2020.**
- RE Janet Goodman prayed for TE Tarr and his new call.
- 7-19 Pastoral Call Changes**
TE Dave Brogren (Active-Retired) has been offered a part-time pastoral position at an independent church in Arroyo Grande, CA.
- Motion was sustained to approve the Out of Bounds call of TE Dave Brogren (Active-Retired) as Associate Pastor for Harvest Church, Arroyo Grande, CA beginning January 1, 2020.**
- TE Marsha Roth prayed for TE Brogren and his new call.
- 7-20 Other Changes**
TE Abdo announced three other status changes: Joe Cole has left his position as Pastor, New Song Community Church, Carlsbad, CA (Out of Bounds) and is now a Pastor Without Call. TE Samuel Kim has resigned as Associate Pastor, Fullerton Presbyterian Church, Fullerton, CA (Out of Bounds) and is now Pastor Without a Call. Samuel is planning a year-long sabbatical. TE Chris Popadich's call as Assistant Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Fresno, CA has not been extended. He is now a Pastor Without Call.

TE Abdo prayed for TE Kim, who was present at the meeting, in this new season for him.

7-21 Update on Searches

TE Abdo updated the Presbytery on a number of active pastoral searches in process in the Presbytery. He also updated the Presbytery on the improvement in health that TE Tony Winterowd has experienced.

7-22 Community of Churches

TE Guy Boyer, Pastor of Valley Community Church, San Jacinto, CA, updated the Presbytery on his ministry and the ministry of the church. Moderator Conners prayed for Guy and presented to him and his church the honorary POPS carabineer, which represents the connected community of the Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest, of which they are a part.

7-23 Treasurer's Report

RE Connie Badgley, Treasurer, opened in prayer and presented the 2019 financial results, which were very positive. The 2019 financials are attached to these minutes. The financial records have been reviewed by a third-party bookkeeper.

7-24 Pacific Women's Link

RE Connie Badgley presented the opportunity for all women, regardless of whether they are a commissioner or not, to gather prior to Presbytery meetings to enjoy food, fellowship and to share together. Connie closed her report in prayer.

7-25 Proposed Revision to the Book of Government of the EPC

Stated Clerk Eshoff presented the two descending overtures that were approved by the General Assembly in June 2019 to be sent to the EPC presbyteries for their approval.

Descending Overture 19-A

To amend *Book of Government* 11-2C which addresses the examination of candidates for ordination, adding the phrase "in the EPC" to the candidates questions.

Motion was sustained to approve Descending Overture 19-A by a vote of 58 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstentions.

7-26 Descending Overture 19-B

To amend *Book of Government* 9-5 that would make explicit that the office of "co-pastor" is not constitutional.

Motion was sustained to approve Descending Overture 19-B by a vote of 57 Yes; 4 No; 0 Abstentions.

7-27 Presbytery Review Committee Responses

Stated Clerk Eshoff presented the draft responses to the General Assembly Presbytery Review Committee Exceptions and their Notations Requiring Response. These responses must be approved by the Presbytery.

Motion was sustained to approve the letter of response to the General Assembly regarding Exceptions to the 2018 POPS Meeting Minutes and the letter of response regarding Notations Requiring Response.

7-28 Care of Candidates Committee Report

TE Jay Hull, Chair, opened in prayer and introduced Jarrod Puffenbarger, who was ready to come under the care of this Presbytery. Jarrod was under care of the Session of First Presbyterian Church, Bakersfield, 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 Jeff Chandler from First Presbyterian Church, Bakersfield, CA spoke in support of Jarrod.

Motion was sustained to approve Jarrod Puffenbarger to come under care of the EPC Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest and approve TE Jonathan Dennis as advisor to Candidate Puffenbarger.

The candidate was invited back into the room and was greeted with a standing ovation. Moderator Conners asked the candidate the constitutional questions, to which the candidate responded affirmatively. TE Scott Dickson from First Presbyterian Church, Bakersfield, CA prayed for the candidate and TE Dave Constance from First Presbyterian Church, Bakersfield, CA gave the candidate a charge from James 4:17.

7-29 Examination of Yung Feng Huang

TE Hull then introduced and prayed for Yung Feng Huang who was ready to come under the care of this Presbytery. He was under care of the Session of Covenant Presbyterian Church, Orange, 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. RE Stephen Morris from Covenant Presbyterian Church, Orange, CA spoke in support of Yung Feng.

Motion was sustained to approve Yung Feng Huang to come under care of the EPC Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest and approve TE Patrick King as advisor to Candidate Huang.

The candidate was invited back into the room and was greeted with a standing ovation. Moderator Conners asked the candidate the constitutional questions, to which the candidate responded affirmatively. TE Julia Leeth from Covenant Community Church, Vacaville, CA prayed for the candidate and TE Jonathan Dennis from Woodlake Presbyterian Church, Woodlake, CA gave the candidate a charge from Matthew 25:42-46.

7-30 Nominating Committee Report

RE Bill Myers, Chair, opened in prayer and presented several nominations for positions on the POPS Care of Candidates Committee and Nominating Committee for Presbytery approval.

Motion was sustained to approve RE Marty Brown from Hope Presbyterian Church, Folsom, CA as a member of the Care of Candidates Committee (Class of 2022).

Motion was sustained to approve TE Jason Yum, as a member of the Nominating Committee (Class of 2020).

Motion was sustained to approved RE Christine Deane from Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church, Moraga, CA as a member of the Nominating Committee (Class of 2021).

Chairman Myers also noted that committee positions were still available on several Presbytery committees for the Class of 2020, 2021 and 2022.

7-31 Meeting Recess and Prayer

Moderator Conners thanked the Presbytery for their attention and prayed for dinner. The meeting recessed at 5:35 pm.

A dinner was prepared and served by Covenant Presbyterian Church, San Diego, CA.

Worship Service

Rev. Patrick King, Pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church, San Diego, CA led a worship service and presented the evening message on Revelation 1. The service included the celebration of Communion and an offering to support the *Educational Assistance Fund*.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2020

7-32 Call to Order and Opening Prayer

RE Jim Conners, Moderator, reconvened the meeting and opened in prayer.

7-33 Declaration of a Quorum

Stated Clerk Eshoff declared that a quorum was present.

7-34 Introduction of Additional Guests

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

7-35 Appreciations to the Host Church

Moderator Conners expressed deep appreciation to the host church, Covenant Presbyterian Church, San Diego, CA, TE Patrick King, Joyce Chun 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.

7-36 Morning Worship

The Covenant Worship Team led the Presbytery in musical worship. RE Jim Brown from Heritage EPC in Santa Maria, CA preached the morning sermon on John 21:15-19, a passage assigned by the Ministerial Committee, as part of his examination to be a Commissioned Pastor.

7-37 Moderator's Time of Prayer

Following the worship service, Moderator Conners invited the Presbytery to pray in small groups based on the prayer, "The Empty Vessel" by Martin Luther.

7-38 Ministerial Committee Report (continued)

TE David Abdo, Chair, opened in prayer and clarified the process for examining a candidate for Commissioned Pastor, noting that this was a first for the Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest.

7-39 Examination of Jim Brown

TE Abdo introduced RE Jim Brown, candidate for Commissioned Pastor. Jim was called as Commissioned Pastor by the Session of Heritage Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Santa Maria, CA for a term of one year. The Session has approved the call with duties specified: preaching the word, moderating the Session, and administering the Sacraments. Jim has signed his Ministerial Obligation Form and his Terms of Call have been reviewed and approved by the Ministerial Committee. He has 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.

Jim's examination began with a sermon during the morning worship service on a passage assigned by the Ministerial Committee. The Presbytery then examined him on his knowledge of theology and sacraments, his faith in Christ, his calling to the ministry, polity, the Reformed tradition, the Bible, and his spiritual journey, as well as his one exception to the Westminster Standards.

Following the examination, Candidate Brown was dismissed from the room. RE Michelle VanderMuelen from Heritage Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Santa Maria, CA and TE Dave Brogren (Active-Retired) spoke on Jim's behalf.

Motion was sustained to approve the examination of Jim Brown as Commissioned Pastor for a term of one year.

Motion was sustained to approve the Administrative Commission consisting of TE Dave Brogren (Active-Retired), RE Michelle VanderMuelen and RE Jason Walker from Heritage Presbyterian Church, Santa Maria, CA, TE Dave Fenska (World Outreach) and RE Scott Norvell from First Presbyterian Church, Fresno, CA to install Jim Brown as Commissioned Pastor at Heritage Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Santa Maria, CA on February 16, 2020 at 10:00 am.

TE Dave Brogren prayed for Jim and the church.

7-40 Motion was sustained to dismiss the Administrative Commission formed in October 2018 to assess the viability of Heritage EPC, Santa Maria, CA, with appreciation for their service.

7-41 Community of Churches

TE George Carey, Pastor of Kingman Presbyterian Church, Kingman, AZ, updated the Presbytery on his ministry and the ministry of the church. Moderator Conners prayed for George and presented to him and his church the honorary POPS carabineer, which represents the connected community of the Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest, of which they are a part.

7-42 Report of the Session Minutes Review Committee

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

- Centerpoint Community Church, Roseville, CA
- Centerville Presbyterian Church, Fremont, CA
- Covenant Community Church, Vacaville, CA
- Covenant Presbyterian Church, Reno, NV
- Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church, Fair Oaks, CA
- Fremont Presbyterian Church, Sacramento, CA
- Hope Pesbyerian Church, Folsom, CA
- Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church, Moraga, CA
- Sierra Presbyterian Church, Nevada City, CA
- The Table, San Francisco, CA

Churches with minutes still outstanding will be contacted by the Chair. Minutes from the following churches were not submitted and will be reviewed at the next meeting:

- Christ Church East Bay, Berkeley, CA
- St. John's Assyrian Presbyterian Church, Turlock, CA

RE Goodman closed in prayer.

Report of the Ministerial Committee (continued)

TE David Abdo, Chair, recognized several Teaching Elders who were retiring from active service.

7-43 Retirement of Lana Roberts

TE Abdo invited TE Lana Roberts to the platform, along with members of her family. Lana has lived her whole life in California's Central Valley, growing up in Hanford and moving to Fresno to attend Cal State University, Fresno. She and her husband, Brian, started attending First Presbyterian Church, Fresno in 1981, where each of them served in multiple ministry areas over many years. She started seminary in 1999 not knowing where she would end up, but graduated from Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary in 2006. She was ordained and joined the Pastoral Staff of FPC Fresno. She has since served there as Associate Pastor for Congregational Care.

RE Scott Norvell and TE Jeremy Vaccaro from First Presbyterian Church, Fresno, CA shared the impact that Lana had on their lives and ministry. Stated Clerk Eshoff presented Lana with a gift of appreciation from the Presbytery. Meagan Bergem from First Presbyterian Church, Fresno, CA prayed for Lana and her family. Lana shared her thanks to her husband and to God.

Motion was sustained to approve the change in status of TE Lana Roberts from Active Member to Associate–Retired, with grateful appreciation for her service to First Presbyterian Church, Fresno, CA, the Presbytery and the Body of Christ effective December 31, 2019.

7-44 Retirement of Greg and Marsha Roth

TE Abdo invited Greg and Marsha Roth to the platform. Greg and Marsha served at Centerville Presbyterian Church, Fremont, CA for 19 years - Greg as Pastor/Head of Staff and Marsha as Associate Pastor. They both previously served at Glendale Presbyterian Church. Greg received an MDiv. and DMin. from Fuller Seminary and serves on numerous mission boards. Marsha received her MDiv. from Fuller and a DMin. from San Francisco Theological Seminary. They have been frequent Marriage Enrichment speakers, and have shared a deep heart for mission in their community and around the world. They will continue to serve in the mission field.

RE Norma Moore shared the impact that Greg and Marsha had on her life and on the ministry of the church. RE Sydney Bellanger prayed for Greg and Marsha and for their new ministry to international students. Stated Clerk Eshoff presented Greg and Marsha with gifts of appreciation from the Presbytery. Greg and Marsha expressed their thanks to God and to the Presbytery.

Motion was sustained to approve the change in status of TE Marsha Roth from Active Member to Associate–Retired, with grateful appreciation for her service to Centerville Presbyterian Church, Fremont, CA, the Presbytery and the Body of Christ, effective December 1, 2019.

Motion was sustained to approve the change in status of TE Greg Roth from Active Member to Associate–Retired, with grateful appreciation for his service to Centerville Presbyterian Church, Fremont, CA, the Presbytery and the Body of Christ, effective December 1, 2019.

7-45 Omnibus/Consent Motion

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

1. That the Minutes of the Sixth Stated Meeting of the EPC Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest, October 10-11, 2019 be approved as posted (these minutes are available on the website).
2. Accept the report of the Ministerial Committee acting as an Administrative Commission to approve the appointment of TE Jonathan St. Clair as Acting Moderator of Christ Church East Bay, Berkeley, CA, effective February 23, 2020.
3. Renew the call of TE Jerry Voss as Stated Supply Pastor of the Millbrook Presbyterian Church for one year, effective January 1, 2020, with the same terms of call and with the authority to preach the Word, administer the Sacraments, and moderate the Session.

4. **Approve those Teaching Elders Ministering Out of Bounds to continue their ministry for the year 2020: TE Greg Ehlert (Campus Pastor/InterVarsity Staff, San Diego, CA); TE David Flaig (Pastor, Sun Grove Church, Elk Grove, 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 was sustained to approve the Omnibus/Consent Motion

7-46 New Business

Moderator Conners noted the following upcoming dates:

May 14-15, 2020	Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest Meeting (#8) Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church, Fair Oaks, CA
June 23-26, 2020	EPC General Assembly Hope Presbyterian Church Cordova, TN (Memphis area)
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 (#9) Christ Church East Bay, Berkeley, CA
January 22-23, 2021	Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest Meeting (#10) First Armenian Presbyterian Church, Fresno, CA
May 13-14, 2021 (tent.)	Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest Meeting (#11) Sierra Presbyterian Church, Nevada City, CA

Hosting Opportunities

Moderator Conners reminded the Presbytery that opportunities are available to host the Presbytery at its future meetings, and to contact the Stated Clerk if you are interested in offering an invitation. He also noted that opportunities are available to host Discovery Workshops in 2020 and to contact the Stated Clerk if you are interested in offering an invitation.

7-47 Meeting Evaluations

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

7-48 Closing Prayer and Adjournment

Moderator Conners adjourned the seventh meeting of the Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest in prayer at 11:50 am.

RE Jim Conners, Moderator

RE Mark Eshoff, Stated Clerk