

**Presbytery of Santa Fe
Annual Meeting
Ghost Ranch, Abiquiu
October 15-16, 2016**

Saturday, October 15

I. OPENING

The Presbytery of Santa Fe met on Saturday and Sunday, October 15-16, 2016, for the Annual Meeting at Ghost Ranch in Abiquiu, NM. The meeting was opened at 9:35 a.m. with prayer by Moderator, Teaching Elder Tom Hart.

II. ROLL

Stated Clerk, Ruling Elder Stephen Rhoades, declared a **quorum** was present. Roll was taken at registration and 134 persons indicated attendance, of which 96 were voting members. (The number before elder commissioners indicates the number of commissioners allotted for that church).

Teaching Elder Members of Presbytery in Attendance

Sara Armstrong	Jim Brown	David Cameron
Kathryn Johnson Cameron		Rob Craig
Ken Cuthbertson	Harry Eberts	Jeff Finch
Laura Niles Finch	Seth Finch	Michele Goff
Jan Gough	Larry Graham-Johnson	Ann Graham-Johnson
Karl Gustafson	John Guthrie	Tom Hart
Drew Henry	Kay Huggins	Bill Humphreys
Kay Johnson	Ed Katzenberger	Lorelei Kay
Robyn Kleinschmidt	Stephanie Kremmel	Gerard Kuyk
Lorna Kuyk	Dean Lewis	Linda Loving
Matthew Miller	Katie Palmer	Howard Paul
Jeff Pearson	Roger Powers	Susan Quass
Linda Roberts-Baca	Catherine Robinson	Richard Safford
Carl Soderberg	Richard Stoops	Takako Terino
Judith Todd	Kathy Westmoreland	David Whiteley
Frank Yates		

Certified Christian Educators in Attendance

Libby Engdahl Whiteley

Commissioned Ruling Elders of Presbytery in Attendance

Stephen Daniels	Marjorie Davison	Shirley Sandoval
Gay Veit		

Churches Ruling Elder Commissioners Present

ABQ, Covenant	(3) Sarah Kotchian, Bob Mennonna, Carol Pierce
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ABQ, First	(5)	Sue Lee, Anna Medendorp, David Meister, Martha Meister
ABQ, Immanuel	(2)	John Sitler, Byrch Williams
ABQ, La Mesa	(3)	Judy Belvin
ABQ, Rio Grande	(1)	Marsha Bedell
ABQ, St. Andrew	(3)	Anna Creamer, Marilyn Stoops, Phil Witherspoon
ABQ, Sandia	(6)	Jan Christner, Dave Kirby, Linda Kirby, Jane Matheu
ABQ, Second	(3)	Susie Chang, Abel McBride, Gloria Mirabal
ABQ, Shepherd of the Valley	(4)	Bryan Beck, Janice Beck, Anna Maria Greaves, John Sewell
Angel Fire, United	(1)	Vernett Safford
Belen, First	(1)	Linda Wilson
Cuba	(1)	Herman Santillanes
Dixon, Embudo	(1)	Virginia Griego
Farmington, First	(4)	Martia Glass
Gallup, Westminster	(1)	Valdine Brower
Grants, First	(1)	Jeffrey Smith
Laguna, United	(1)	Lou Ann Johnson
Las Vegas, United	(1)	Karyl Lyne
Los Alamos, White Rock	(1)	Joyce Haven
Placitas, Las Placitas	(2)	Christine Mink, Beth Sherwood
Rio Rancho	(3)	George Austin, Marj Austin
Santa Fe, First	(4)	Bill Eklund
Socorro, First	(1)	Ted Baca

Churches Not Represented by Ruling Elders

ABQ, New Life	(1)
Aztec	(1)
Chacon, El Rito	(1)
Chimayo, El Buen Pastor	(1)
Datil, Community	(1)
Glenwood	(1)
Jemez Springs	(1)
Los Alamos, United	(1)
Magdalena, Community	(1)
Mora, First	(1)
Peñasco, Emmanuel	(1)
Ranchos de Taos, Ranchos	(1)
Raton, First	(1)
Santa Fe, Westminster	(1)
Taos, First	(1)
Truchas, Smith Memorial	(1)

Former Moderators in Attendance

Anna Creamer (also listed under St. Andrew)
Marty Bruner
Laura Niles Finch (also listed under Teaching Elders)

Approval of July 23, 2016 Presbytery Minutes (#2)

Action: That the Presbytery approve the July 23, 2016 minutes.

Seating of Corresponding Members

Action: That the Presbytery seat the following corresponding members, with voice but without vote (the Stated Clerk will provide the list).

Introduction of New Commissioners

Welcome & Arrangements

Debra Hepler

Appointment of New Business Committee

New Member Faith Sharing (#12c)

Stephanie Kremmel, Associate Pastor,
First, ABQ

Sharing the Good News

10:00 AM – Sharing the Resources of the Body of Christ

Judy Fletcher

11:00 AM - Our Resources Doing Mission – Budget Presentation

Anna Maria
Greaves

Action: That the Presbytery approve the 2017 Budget (#61)

12:00 PM – Prayer and Recess for lunch

Dining Hall

1:00 PM – Reports from Committees and Officers of Presbytery

Finance and Property (#60)

Anna Maria Greaves

Action: That the presbytery approve allowing Las Placitas Presbyterian Church in Placitas to proceed with a loan of \$100,000 from the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program. The loan will fund new, more energy-efficient roofs for both sanctuaries and the fellowship hall. Solar panels will also be added resulting in a net \$0 electrical bill for the church reducing the congregation's carbon footprint as a part of its longtime commitment to Earth Care.

Action: That Presbytery guarantee the loan of \$100,000 from the PC (USA) Church Loan Program to Las Placitas Presbyterian Church.

Treasurer's Report

Bill Belvin

Action: That the Presbytery receive the Treasurer's Reports (#60a, 62, 67 and 67a).

New Member Faith Sharing (#12d)

Susan Quass, Member-at-Large

Commission on Ministry (#12)

Richard Safford

Action: That the Presbytery approve the change to the minimum terms of call (#12a).

Commission on Preparation for Ministry (#10)

John Guthrie

Report from Moderator

Tom Hart

Election of new members of CORP

**Action: That the Presbytery approve the following members of CORP:
Class of 2019**

Lee Malmo (Rio Rancho)
Maribeth Culpepper (Aztec)
Ruth Montoya (Second)
Class of 2018
Tom Hart (Shepherd of the Valley)
Class of 2017
Jane Moses (ABQ, First)

Committee on Representation and Participation George Austin
Action: That the Presbytery approve the list of nominees in Report #14.

Representation Report
Action: That the Presbytery receive the Representation Report (#15)

Report from Stated Clerk (#4) Stephen Rhoades
Action: That the Presbytery approve Report #4a, "Addressing the Imbalance of Ruling Elder Commissioners for 2016."

Action: That the Presbytery approve Report #4b, "Review of Session Records 2015."

Action: That the Presbytery thank the Cristo del Valle Administrative Commission for their three years of service and dissolve them effective October 15, 2016.

Action: That the Presbytery approve the Annual Reports (which is report #AR in the packet).

Administrative Commission, East Mountain (no report)

Standing Rules and Bylaws (First Reading) (#4c & 4d)

Report from the Reserve Admin. Commission (#18) Kay Huggins
Action: That the Presbytery thank the Reserve Administrative Commission for their service and dissolve them effective October 15, 2016.

Report from Implementation Team Judith Todd
Introduction of new staff/consultants

Report from Transitional Consultants David & Judy Fletcher

New Member Faith Sharing(#12e) Roger Powers, Pastor, St. Andrew, ABQ

Greetings and News from Our Partners in Ministry (Synod and others)

New Business and "Minute Announcements"

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM – Free Time

4:30 PM – 5:30 PM – Choir Rehearsal

5:30 PM – Dinner

Agape Center
Dining Hall

7:00 PM – Mission Co-Worker
International Peacemaker

Sara Armstrong
Dóra Kanizsai-Nagy

8:20 PM – Presbytery and fellowship time

Sunday, October 16

- 7:00 AM – Morning Vespers outside Agape Center, Ken Cuthbertson
- 7:30 AM – Breakfast is served
- 9:00 AM – Reconvene with Prayer Moderator Tom Hart
Moving into the Future Judy & David Fletcher
- 10:30 AM – Break; move to Agape Center for Worship
- 10:45 AM – Closing Worship, including the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper and Necrology
Installation of Moderator and Moderator-Elect and Stated Clerk
- 12:00 PM – Lunch is served

Report #1a

CONSENT AGENDA

Enabling Motions:

1. That the roll for this meeting of Presbytery be made up of those persons whose names have been recorded at the registration desk
2. That Presbytery grant to the Moderator the authority to grant privilege of the floor to persons for the purpose of reporting to this meeting.
3. That the Moderator and Stated Clerk be empowered to make adjustments in the docket during the meeting, as may be necessary, to provide for efficiency in reporting.
4. That these be the guidelines for the conducting of business at this meeting:
 - a. Out of courtesy, when Presbytery is debating, all remarks shall be addressed to the moderator and shall be made from the floor.
 - b. In the interest of time and to allow as many as possible to speak, speeches will be strictly limited to 2 minutes. Persons wishing to speak should move to the appropriate microphone. So there is clarity, a speaker should begin by saying, “I speak for (or against) the amendment...” The moderator will rotate between calling on a person in favor, and then a person opposed, etc.
 - c. Remarks shall be confined to the pending question. The moderator will interrupt if in his/her judgment the speaker has drifted from the pending question.
 - d. Commissioners may not refer adversely to prior acts of Presbytery not pending now.
 - e. Remarks shall not impugn another commissioner or that person’s motives.
 - f. Distribution of reports or documents shall not be done during the meeting.
 - g. Commissioners shall not disturb the meeting, by applause or verbal response to remarks made by a commissioner, or in response to a vote.
 - h. Each commissioner may speak twice on a subject but may not speak the second time until everyone who wishes has spoken.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Presbytery **APPROVED** the July 23, 2016 minutes as written.

V. CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

The Presbytery **SEATED** the following corresponding members, granting them voice but not vote:

Donald J. Grauer, Ghost Ranch Faith Community Liaison, Western Reserve Presbytery
Al Krummenacher, Austin Seminary, Mission Presbytery
Lynn West, Presbytery of New York City
Previously granted voice at Presbytery meeting were Transitional Consultants, David Fletcher, Grace Presbytery, and Judy Fletcher, Presbytery of Eastern Oklahoma.
Conrad Rocha, Synod of the Southwest (who does have vote as a former moderator of the Presbytery of Santa Fe)

VI. NEW COMMISSIONERS

The Presbytery WELCOMED all first-time commissioners introduced at the meeting.

VII. WELCOME AND ARRANGEMENTS

Ghost Ranch Director, Debra Hepler, welcomed the presbytery. She introduced some of her staff and the presbytery was updated about what is happening at the Ranch.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Moderator Hart announced that he had appointed the following commissioners to serve as the New Business Committee in case any new business was received:

- Teaching Elder Drew Henry to chair
- Commissioned Ruling Elder Shirley Sandoval
- Teaching Elder Frank Yates
- Certified Christian Educator Libby Whiteley
- Ruling Elder Martha Meister
- Ruling Elder Carol Pierce
- Ruling Elder John Sewell

IX. FAITH SHARING

Teaching Elder Stephanie Kremmel came forward to share a portion of her faith journey with the Presbytery. Stephanie is the new Associate Pastor for First Presbyterian in Albuquerque, NM. Stephanie has been serving a congregation in London, England.

X. SHARING THE GOOD NEWS: HOW THE HOLY SPIRIT IS WORKING IN OUR CONGREGATIONS

Commissioners shared around their tables the ways that the Holy Spirit is working in their congregations.

XI. SHARING THE RESOURCES OF THE BODY OF CHRIST

Judy Fletcher led the commissioners in an exercise of how each of them learned to give to the church and then had each of them share the best stewardship ideas from their congregations. Each table then shared those best practices with the whole group. She then introduced the Presbytery's narrative brochure.

XII. FINANCE & PROPERTY

Anna Maria Greaves, a member of Finance & Property, introduced the 2017 budget. She highlighted the increases and decreases in the line item budget. Time was provided for table discussion about the budget.

After a motion from Finance & Property to approve the budget, there was a time for questions and discussion by the body that centered around some of our partners in ministry and future funding for those groups. A motion was made to **amend the budget to include a 3% raise for the Cleaning Staff**. Presbytery APPROVED the amendment to the 2017 budget.

The Presbytery recessed for lunch at 11:59 a.m. with a prayer by Moderator Tom Hart.

Moderator Tom Hart called the meeting back to order at 1:19 p.m. with prayer.

XIII. FINANCE & PROPERTY (CONTINUED)

After additional discussion, **the budget was APPROVED as amended (ATTACHMENT A)**.

Presbytery APPROVED the following motion from the floor: **That throughout the coming year, the Presbytery of Santa Fe examine what previous “programmatic” budget items we wish to continue funding as a body including actively soliciting input of session members and commissioners.**

Presbytery APPROVED the motion: **Allowing Las Placitas Presbyterian Church in Placitas to proceed with a loan of \$100,000 from the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program. The loan will fund new, more energy-efficient roofs for both sanctuaries and the fellowship hall. Solar panels will also be added resulting in a net \$0 electrical bill for the church reducing the congregation's carbon footprint as a part of its longtime commitment to Earth Care.**

Presbytery APPROVED the motion: **That Presbytery guarantee the loan of \$100,000 from the PC (USA) Church Loan Program to Las Placitas Presbyterian Church.**

Moderator-Elect, Lorelei Kay, became acting moderator.

Presbytery RECEIVED the Financial Review for 2015. (ATTACHMENT B)

Treasurer Bill Belvin brought the treasurer's report. Presbytery **RECEIVED the financial reports (ATTACHMENT C)**.

XIV. FAITH SHARING

Teaching Elder Susan Quass shared a portion of her faith journey with the Presbytery. Susan is a member-at-large of the presbytery. She is transferring her membership from Baltimore Presbytery.

XV. COMMISSION ON MINISTRY

COM co-chair, Richard Safford, gave the COM report.

COM moved and the presbytery **APPROVED the motion:**

Raise the minimum salary by slightly more than 10% over a three-year period.

2017: \$1000, resulting in a minimum salary of \$40,500

2018 \$1500, resulting in a minimum salary of \$42,000

2019 \$1500, resulting in a minimum salary of \$43,500

Presbytery **APPROVED granting Bill Humphreys' status as Honorably Retired effective October 6, 2016.** COM then presented Bill with a gift.

Richard Safford praised the work and talent of the members of COM. The presbytery in turn thanked Richard Safford and Jane Stringfellow for their work as co-moderators for the last few years.

XVI. COMMISSION ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

John Guthrie, CPM chair, presented Ruling Elder Sarah Kotchian as ready to receive a commission as a Commissioned Ruling Elder. Persons who knew Sarah were invited to come forward and lay hands on her while Kathryn Johnson Cameron said a blessing over Sarah.

XVII. REPORT OF THE MODERATOR

Tom Hart shared his experiences as moderator over the past year and praised the presbytery for moving forward quickly and effectively.

Presbytery **APPROVED Tom's nominations for the Committee on Representation and Participation.** There were no nominations from the floor.

Class of 2019

Lee Malmo (Rio Rancho)

Maribeth Culpepper (Aztec)

Ruth Montoya (Second, ABQ)

Class of 2018

Jane Moses (First, ABQ) (This was a correction from the docket)

Class of 2017

Tom Hart (Shepherd of the Valley, ABQ) (This was a correction from the docket)

XVIII. COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION & PARTICIPATION

Chair, George Austin, presented the CORP report. There being no nomination from the floor, **the Presbytery APPROVED the following slate of nominees in bold.**

I. OFFICERS OF THE PRESBYTERY

Past Moderator (2017) Tom Hart (TE) Albuquerque, Shepherd of the Valley

Moderator (2017) Lorelei Kay (TE) Gallup, Westminster

Moderator-Elect (2017) Bryan Beck (RE) Albuquerque, Shepherd of the Valley

Treasurer (2019) Bill Belvin (RE) Albuquerque, La Mesa

Stated Clerk (2019) Stephen Rhoades (RE), Albuquerque, First

Chairperson Coordinating Team (2017) Elizabeth Morgan (RE), ABQ, Immanuel

2. PRESBYTERY COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

COORDINATING TEAM (MOST POSITIONS HELD BECAUSE OF OFFICE)

Chairperson (2017) Elizabeth Morgan (RE), ABQ, Immanuel

Moderator (2017) Lorelei Kay (TE) Gallup, Westminster

Moderator-Elect (2017) Bryan Beck (RE) Albuquerque, Shepherd of the Valley

Past Moderator (2017) Tom Hart (TE) Albuquerque, Shepherd of the Valley

Stated Clerk (2019) Stephen Rhoades (RE) Albuquerque, First

Administrator/Associate Stated Clerk (RE) Albuquerque, St. Andrew

COM Co-Chairs: Stephen Daniels (RE/CRE) Peñasco, Emmanuel

Catherine Robinson (TE) Member-at-Large

CPM Chair: John Guthrie (TE) Los Alamos, White Rock

MNC Chair: Rob Woodruff (TE) Albuquerque, Second

ENC Chair: Judith Todd (TE) HR

WNC Co-Chairs: Karyl Lyne (RE) Las Vegas, First

Kathy Westmoreland (TE) Rio Rancho

F&P Chair: Debbie Steffen (RE) Albuquerque, St. Andrew

Personnel Chair: Susan Keil Smith (RE) Albuquerque, First

PW Moderator: Lola Blackwell (TE) Albuquerque, Covenant

CAT Chair: VACANT

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY

Co-Chairs: Stephen Daniels (RE/CRE) Peñasco, Emmanuel

Catherine Robinson (TE) Member-at-Large

Class of 2019

Bill Lumm (RE) Placitas, Las Placitas

Lorna Kuyk (TE) HR

Susan Quass (TE) Member-at-Large

Ann Graham-Johnson (TE) Truchas, Smith Memorial and Chimayo, El Buen Pastor

Jaime Quiñones (TE) HR and Albuquerque, Second

John Sitler (RE) Albuquerque, Immanuel

Class of 2018

Bryan Beck (RE) Albuquerque, Shepherd of the Valley

Judy Belvin (RE) Albuquerque, La Mesa

Stephen Daniels (RE/CRE) Peñasco, Emmanuel

Robyn Kleinschmidt (TE) Albuquerque, First

Catherine Robinson (TE) Member-at-Large

Frank Yates (TE) HR

Class of 2017

Jim Brown (TE) HR

Rob Craig (TE) HR

Judith Mead (RE) Albuquerque, First

James Roghair (TE) HR

Beth Miller (RE) Rio Rancho, Rio Rancho

Jane Stringfellow (RE) Santa Fe, First

COMMISSION ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

Chair: John Guthrie (TE) Los Alamos, White Rock

Class of 2019

Marjorie Austin (RE) Rio Rancho, Rio Rancho

Ruth Montoya (RE) Albuquerque, Second

Ken Cuthbertson (TE) HR and Placitas, Las Placitas

Gay Veit (RE/CRE) Mora, First

Class of 2018

Lola Blackwell (RE) Albuquerque, Covenant

Linda Kirby (RE) Albuquerque, Sandia
Wayne Mell (TE) HR
Takako Terino (TE) Member-at-Large
Class of 2017
John Guthrie (TE) Los Alamos, White Rock
Malissa Haslam (RE) Santa Fe, First
Bobbie McGarey (TE) Albuquerque, New Life
Matthew Miller (TE) Albuquerque, First

MISSION NETWORKING COMMITTEE

Chair: Rob Woodruff (TE) Albuquerque, Second
Class of 2019
Rob Woodruff (TE) Albuquerque, Second
Gloria Mirabal (RE) Albuquerque, Second
Ciria Yela (RE) Albuquerque, Camino de Vida
Class of 2018
Antonio “Tony” Aja (TE) Santa Fe, Westminster
Randy Pence (TE) HR
Susan Smith (RE) Albuquerque, First
Class of 2017
Martia Glass (RE) Farmington, First
Trey Hammond (TE) Albuquerque, La Mesa
Lorelei Kay (TE) Gallup, Westminster

EDUCATION NETWORKING COMMITTEE

Chair: Judith Todd (TE) HR
Class of 2019
Judith Todd (TE) HR
Olga Joyce (Laity) Albuquerque, Second
Rosie Lopez (RE) Las Vegas, First
Lou Ann Johnson (RE) Laguna, United Presbyterian
Class of 2018
David Cameron (TE) Albuquerque, Immanuel
Harry Eberts (TE) Santa Fe, First
Winona Poole (RE) Albuquerque, La Mesa
Libby Whiteley (CCE) Albuquerque, First
Class of 2017
Laura Finch (TE) Belen, First; Magdalena, Community; Socorro, First
Jennifer Holmes (RE) Los Alamos, White Rock
Vernett Safford (RE) Angel Fire, United
Marcia Ann Thornton (RE) Magdalena, Community

WORSHIP NETWORKING COMMITTEE

Co-Chairs: Karyl Lyne (RE) Las Vegas, First, & Kathy Westmoreland (TE) Rio Rancho
Class of 2019
Karmen Van Dyke (Laity) Albuquerque, Second
Ruth Silva-Hernandez (Laity) Albuquerque, Camino de Vida
Lynn Gatewood (RE) Albuquerque, Second
Class of 2018
Bill Franke (RE) Truchas, Smith Memorial
Karyl Lyne (RE) Las Vegas, First United
Kathy Westmoreland (TE) Rio Rancho, Rio Rancho
Class of 2017
Michele Goff (TE) Aztec, Aztec
Karl Gustafson (TE) HR, Placitas, La Placitas
Jeffrey Pearson (TE) Albuquerque, Sandia

FINANCE & PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Chair: Debbie Steffen (RE) Albuquerque, St. Andrew

Class of 2019

Carolyn Rhodes (RE) Albuquerque, First

Larry Graham-Johnson (TE) Smith Memorial, Truchas, and Chimayo

Class of 2018

Kathryn Rhoades (RE) Albuquerque, First

Debbie Steffen (RE) Albuquerque, St. Andrew

Class of 2017

Anna Maria Greaves (RE) Albuquerque, Shepherd of the Valley

David Whiteley (TE) Jemez Springs

Ex-Officio Member: Bill Belvin (RE) La Mesa

PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION

This committee picks its own chair

Class of 2021

Loyda Aja (RE) (2021) Santa Fe, Westminster

Kathryn Cameron (TE) (2021) Member-at-Large

Bill Snead (RE) (2021) Albuquerque, Shepherd of the Valley

Class of 2019

Wayne Ciddio (RE) Albuquerque

Lorna Kuyk (TE) HR (PJC Moderator)

Class of 2017

Nina Martinez-Burger (RE) Albuquerque, First

Lisa Easterling (TE) (2017) Validated Ministry (Chaplain) (PJC Clerk)

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chair: Susan Keil Smith (RE) Albuquerque, First

Class of 2017

Judith Todd (TE) HR

Jan Micali (RE) Albuquerque, Covenant

Class of 2018

Rob Woodruff (TE) Albuquerque, Second

Toby Montoya (RE) Albuquerque, Second

Class of 2019

Susan Keil Smith (RE) Albuquerque, First

Nelson Capitan (RE) Laguna, United

COMMISSIONERS TO SYNOD OF THE SOUTHWEST

Class of 2018

Marty Bruner (RE) Albuquerque, La Mesa

Jaime Quiñones (TE) Albuquerque, Second

Solema Newton (RE) Albuquerque, Second

Class of 2017

Stephen Daniels (RE/CRE) Peñasco, Emmanuel

Lou Ann Johnson (RE) Laguna, United

Ed Katzenberger (TE) Member-at-Large

GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMISSIONERS

NONE ELECTED THIS YEAR

PRESBYTERY RELATIONSHIPS

LUTHERAN ADVOCACY MINISTRIES-NEW MEXICO

Class of 2017: Max Bartlett

Presbytery then **RECEIVED the Representation Report with the following recommendations:**

- We have made progress in recruiting younger members to our churches, both youth and young adults, but we need more. We also need to have more of these individuals on sessions and the boards of deacons.
- Because we are composed primarily of older adults, we have a relatively large number with disabilities. Sessions should acknowledge the gifts of these individuals and encourage their participation in various church activities and their membership on sessions and boards of deacons, pending their ability to do so.
- Encourage congregations and sessions to continue to increase participation of youth and disabled persons on Presbytery commissions and committees.
- Communicate to all Presbytery commissions and committees the need to be sensitive and open to the diverse spiritual gifts that each individual can bring to our shared Presbytery ministry.
- Encourage all members of the Presbytery to consider serving on Presbytery commissions and committees and to pass that interest on to their pastors and commissioners to the Presbytery. If they need any information about those commissions and committees, they should contact members of CORP, who have job descriptions, expectations, and time commitments.

XIX. REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK

Stated Clerk, Stephen Rhoades, gave the Stated Clerk report.

Presbytery **APPROVED Report #4a (ATTACHMENT D), “Addressing the Imbalance of Ruling Elder Commissioners for 2016.”**

Presbytery **APPROVED Report #4b (ATTACHMENT E), “Review of Session Records 2015.”**

Presbytery **THANKED the Cristo del Valle Administrative Commission for their three years of service and DISSOLVED them effective October 15, 2016.**

Presbytery **APPROVED the Annual Reports (ATTACHMENT F).**

There was no report from the East Mountain Administrative Commission.

Stephen Rhoades presented the Standing Rules and Bylaws as amended for first reading. They will be voted on at the February presbytery meeting.

Kay Huggins, Jim Collie and Debi Ciddio served on the Reserve Administrative Commission. There was some uncertainty about the date of organization of the Reserve church due to an epidemic that closed down the town. The date of dissolution is September 4, 2016. Presbytery **THANKED the Reserve Administrative Commission for their service and DISSOLVED them effective October 15, 2016. Presbytery then blessed the Reserve church with God’s**

grace in their new organization for mission and ministry as the Reserve Community Church.

Tom Hart resumed moderating the meeting.

XX. REPORT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION TEAM

Judith Todd updated the presbytery on the current organizational design and staffing for the presbytery and what Implementation Team plans on having in place by the end of 2016 or beginning of 2017. (ATTACHMENT G). She also presented the Addendum to the Standing Rules (ATTACHMENT H).

XXI. REPORT OF THE TRANSITIONAL CONSULTANTS

Judy and David Fletcher gave updates on what they have observed in the presbytery. They commented on the unusually strong clergy and lay leadership in the presbytery. There is a positive attitude and people care about the presbytery. The two of them have visited 12 or 13 churches thus far. As far as the churches, they have found them to be strong, innovative with exciting programs. They also commented on the strong work of COM and reminded the presbytery that healthy churches have healthy ministers. The Coordinating Team now needs to move in to being the “ears and eyes” of the presbytery. They encouraged the presbytery to maintain that family type feeling of relationship that currently exists.

XXII. FAITH SHARING

Teaching Elder Roger Scott Powers shared a portion of his faith journey with the Presbytery. Roger is the pastor at St. Andrew Presbyterian. He transferred his membership from Baltimore Presbytery. His installation will be held on December 11th at 3:00 p.m.

XXIII. GREETING AND NEWS FROM OUR PARTNERS IN MINISTRY

Conrad Rocha, Synod of the Southwest; Kay Huggins, New Mexico Conference of Churches; and Al Krummenacher, Austin Seminary shared what events and classes are being offered by their organizations.

XXIV. ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

Several members of the Presbytery stood to share joys, concerns and announcements with the body.

XXV. NEW BUSINESS

The Stated Clerk reported that no items of new business had been received.

Presbytery recessed at 3:56 p.m.

In the evening, the presbytery gathered in the Agape Center with Mission Co-Worker to Peru, Sara Armstrong, and International Peacemaker, Dora Kanizsai-Nagy, from Hungary, and the two of them shared PowerPoints and stories about their experiences. That was followed by a fellowship time in the Agape Center.

Morning vespers were offered at 7:00 a.m. outside the Agape Center by Teaching Elder Ken Cuthbertson.

XXVI. RECONVENE WITH PRAYER

The presbytery was reconvened at 9:08 a.m. with prayer by Moderator Tom Hart.

XXVII. MOVING INTO THE FUTURE

Judy and David Fletcher and Tom Hart led the presbytery in a time of reflection answering the following questions:

- 1) The Mission Design of the Presbytery says that we are a community collaborating in worship, education and mission. What does this mean?
- 2) A year from now – what would make it a wonderful year in the presbytery?

There being no further business, the meeting recessed at 10:09 a.m. in order to move to the closing worship service, at which time the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated and the Presbytery's Necrology Report was read. The new moderator, Lorelei Kay, and the moderator-elect, Bryan Beck, were installed. The meeting was adjourned at the giving of the benediction at worship.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Rhoades
Stated Clerk