

**#1- DRAFT DOCKET-SPECIAL CALLED PRESBYTERY MEETING**  
**Presbytery of Santa Fe**  
**In-Person at Covenant Presbyterian Church, Albuquerque**  
**Saturday, May 21, 2022**

<i>Saturday, May 21</i>		
9:40 AM	Registration opens	
10:00 AM	Call to Order/Convene with Prayer Acknowledgement of Whose Land We Are On	Clara Storms, Moderator
	Declaration of Quorum	Stephen Rhoades, Stated Clerk
	Prepare Our Hearts for Undertaking the Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scripture: Isaiah 58: 11-12</li> <li>• Hymn #79: Light Dawns on a Weary World</li> </ul>	
	Approval of Docket (#1), Rules of Decorum (#1a), and Voice for Online Participants <b>Action:</b> That the Presbytery adopt the docket for this meeting, as submitted, subject to adjustment as may be necessary and at the discretion of the Presbytery Moderator.  <b>Action:</b> That the Presbytery adopt the Rules of Decorum (#1a), as attached to and made a part of this proposed docket.  <b>Action:</b> That the Presbytery grant online participants voice but without vote.	
	Purpose of the Called Meeting	Stephen Rhoades
	Stated Clerk Motions A) Omnibus Motion regarding actions and minutes of virtual meetings  <b>Action:</b> That the Presbytery ratify, confirm and formally approve all actions and minutes of all Stated Meetings (#2), including Annual Meetings, of the Presbytery of Santa Fe that were held virtually on the following dates: July 18, 2020 October 17, 2020 February 20, 2021 October 16, 2021 February 19, 2022  B) Amendments to the Bylaws and Standing Rules	

	<p><b>Action:</b> That The Presbytery votes on the proposed revision to the By-Laws (#4a).</p> <p><b>Action:</b> The Presbytery votes on the proposed revision to the Standing Rules (#4b).</p>	
10:30 AM	Adjourn with prayer	
	<p><b>Fellowship Time</b> Please join us for fellowship and food after the meeting adjourns.</p>	

**Next Stated Meeting:** July 16, 2022 at Las Vegas, First United (location tentative)

Invitation to the 5-Year Anniversary Celebration of the ABOYAV Program

You are invited to join in celebrating the 5<sup>th</sup> year of the Albuquerque Young Adult Volunteer Program this afternoon.

When: Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 3 pm

Where: The south courtyard of First Presbyterian Church, 215 Locust St. NE, Albuquerque

## #1a- Rules of Decorum

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.
- i. Any docket time allocated to a presbytery entity should not be used for fundraising purposes, capital or otherwise, unless approved by CT prior to that presbytery meeting.

\*\*\*The following is a list of major actions approved by the Presbytery of Santa Fe between July 2020 and February 2022, and an overview of the proposed changes to the By-Laws and Standing Rules. These documents were compiled in order to improve the ability of members and commissioners to make an informed vote at the special called meeting. The full text of the meeting minutes, By-Laws, and Standing Rules are available on the website at [santafepresbytery.org](http://santafepresbytery.org).\*\*\*

## **Major Actions Approved by the Presbytery of Santa Fe between July 2020 and February 2022:**

### All Meetings

#### COORDINATING TEAM MOTIONS REGARDING ANY REQUIRED DIGITAL STATED PRESBYTERY MEETINGS

RESOLVED, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and public health emergency orders issued by civil authorities, an in-person meeting for the February 2021 Stated Presbytery Meeting is not possible and these orders may extend to the June 2021 Stated Presbytery Meeting and possibly the October 2021 Stated Annual Presbytery Meeting.

RESOLVED, the Coordinating Team, as a commission of and on behalf of the Presbytery, hereby finds and authorizes Calls to be issued for the February 2021 Stated Presbytery Meeting and the June 2021 and October 2021 Stated Presbytery Meetings (as necessary) to be virtual or digital meetings by electronic means.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that the Coordinating Team, as a commission of and on behalf of the Presbytery, finds under this public health emergency that it should act in lieu of the Presbytery in suspending certain Bylaws and Standing Rules of the Presbytery for any applicable digital Stated Presbytery Meetings for the calendar year 2021.

THEREFORE, the Coordinating Team finds that the following Bylaws and Standing Rules of the Presbytery should be, and hereby are, waived and suspended for purposes of the digital February 2021 Stated Presbytery Meeting and any required digital June 2021 and October 2021 Stated Presbytery Meetings (as necessary):

1. Bylaws:
  - a. Article VII – Meetings of the Presbytery – paragraph 6a – Presbytery meetings in-person
  - b. Article XII – Amendments to, and Suspension of, Bylaws – By Presbytery with prior notice
2. Standing Rules:
  - a. Stated Meetings, Called Meetings, Attendance and Minutes – Lines 84-85 – Presbytery meetings shall be in-person; Lines 134-135 -- New Business submitted by Commissioners during first hour of the Presbytery meeting
  - b. New Business Committee – Line 665 – At the Presbytery Meeting, Moderator appoints New Business Committee; Lines 672-674 – New Business submitted to the Administrator during the Presbytery meeting

c. Amending or Suspending the Standing Rules – Lines 775-776 – Suspension of the Standing Rules by the Presbytery at a meeting

### **July 2020**

Presbytery APPROVED selecting a new logo for the Presbytery of Santa Fe.



### **October 2020**

Presbytery APPROVED the Stated Clerk's recommendation that the number of ruling elder commissioners for Albuquerque Immanuel, Albuquerque La Mesa, and Albuquerque Sandia remain the same even though their current membership numbers reduce their commissioners according to the Standing Rules in order to attempt to equalize the balance between attendance of Ministers of Word and Sacrament and Ruling Elder Commissioners at future meetings.

Presbytery APPROVED the 2021 budget as presented.

Presbytery APPROVED the CT motion that \$10,000 be donated from Santa Fe Presbytery's portion of the Peace and Global Witness Offering to the Synod of the Southwest's Native American Relief Project, in response to the letter from the Native American Ministries Coordinating Team.

Presbytery APPROVED the Second Reading of Proposed Revisions to the Standing Rules with changes recommended by the Coordinating Team and with the AMENDMENT that the wording of the Networking Coordinators members be changed to "at least three members".

### **February 2021**

Presbytery APPROVED the revised covenant with Menaul School.

Presbytery CONCURRED with the request of the Datil Community Presbyterian Church to be dissolved effective October 11, 2020.

Presbytery APPROVED that the Presbytery of Santa Fe become a Matthew 25 presbytery.

## **October 2021**

Presbytery APPROVED the proposed revision to the By-Laws. The revision adds a list of New Mexico counties to the description of the Presbytery's territory.

Presbytery APPROVED the Stated Clerk's recommendation that Albuquerque Immanuel, Albuquerque La Mesa, Albuquerque Sandia, Albuquerque Second, Rio Rancho, and Taos First be allowed an additional commissioner for 2022.

Presbytery APPROVED to authorize and charge an Administrative and Advocacy Commission to Camino de Vida.

Presbytery APPROVED the 2022 budget as presented.

Presbytery APPROVED the Finance and Property Spending Policy Disbursement Proposal.

## **February 2022**

Presbytery APPROVED raising the minimum compensation for Pastors and Christian Educators to \$44,675 starting in January 1, 2023.

Presbytery APPROVED submitting the Overture supporting the gun buyback program, Guns to Gardens Movement, to the 225<sup>th</sup> General Assembly.

## Overview of Proposed Changes to the By-Laws and Standing Rules:

### By-Laws

- Correctly identifies Finance and Property as a Commission. The Presbytery approved making the Finance and Property Committee a commission at the October 2020 meeting at the recommendation of the Review of Presbytery Design Task Force.
- Clarifies that a called meeting conforms to the Book of Order and the Standing Rules.
- Authorizes electronic meetings for all meetings of the Presbytery and its subordinate entities, including hybrid meetings (in-person and electronic).

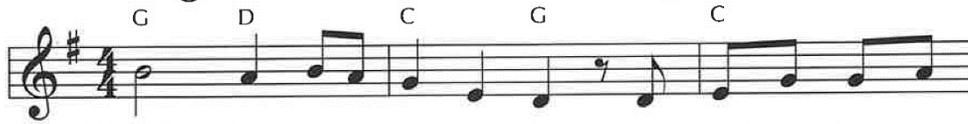
### Standing Rules

- Authorizes in-person physical meetings, virtual electronic meetings, and hybrid (in-person and electronic) meetings if there is the ability between all members simultaneously to discuss and vote on business items.
- Clarifies that for quorum, Ministers of Word and Sacrament are members of Presbytery and corrects the definition of a quorum.
- Adds a procedure for considering consent agenda items and new business items prior to the meeting. This procedure was established for electronic meetings.
- Corrects the description of the Moderator and Moderator-Elect regarding service on the Leadership Team.
- Correctly identifies Finance and Property as a Commission. The Presbytery approved making the Finance and Property Committee a commission at the October 2020 meeting at the recommendation of the Review of Presbytery Design Task Force.
- Updates Book of Order references to the 2019-2023 Book of Order.
- Changes the section “Provisions for Electronic Meetings and Voting” to the following:
  - Commissions, committees, work groups, task forces, and teams ~~may~~ **shall** meet either in person being physically present in the same location with one another which method is preferred or electronically by virtual means or by telephone conference call where all persons participating in the meeting can engage in interactive dialogue and discussion simultaneously with everyone else present. ~~using the guidelines in this document and in accordance with the Presbytery Bylaws.~~ Votes of members may take place by oral or visible (raising of hands or standing) means, polling or secret ballot in either meeting format, as deemed appropriate by the Chair of such gathered body, and such votes are presumed to be valid.

~~According to Robert's Rules of Order, electronic v~~otes by email should not regularly occur unless the gathered body has had an opportunity to deliberate the topic in a meeting before the vote is taken beforehand. If a prior deliberative meeting has taken place on an issue, votes by email are presumed to be valid. When absolutely necessary for administrative non-controversial issues, commissions, committees, work groups, task forces, and teams may vote by e-mail without a prior deliberative meeting and are presumed to be valid if ratified by the body at their next regular meeting. ~~and shall use the following guidelines:~~ Email votes shall not be used to conduct secret ballots.

- Defines that the chair of the Committee on Representation and Participation is nominated by the Moderator and elected by the Presbytery.
- Changes the New Business Committee to three appointed persons (instead of seven).
- Updates the “Addendum to the Standing Rules: Position Descriptions for Presbytery Staff” to the current staffing model as overseen by the Personnel Committee.

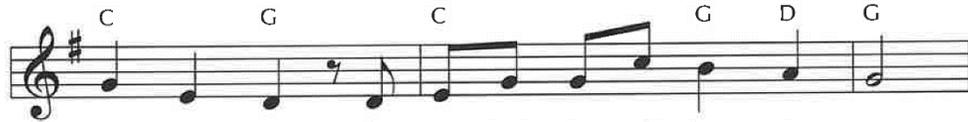
# 79 Light Dawns on a Weary World



1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to  
 2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find  
 3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea - tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a  
 bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a  
 lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom - ised day of jus - tice comes.  
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.  
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised green of E - den comes.



The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun - tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

This is a hymn whose tune came first. Upon hearing it, the author recalled the watered garden of Isaiah 58:11, which in turn led to Isaiah 55:12, paraphrased in the refrain. Then came the stanzas, organized around their first two words: Light dawns, Love grows, Hope blooms.