

# Draft Docket Presbytery Meeting

Presbytery of Santa Fe at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Albuquerque

February 25, 2017

Theme: *Discovering Worship*

**Saturday, February 25**

## *Gathering the People of God*

9:00 AM New Commissioner Orientation

Stephen Rhoades

9:30 AM **Convene with Prayer**

Lorelei Kay, Moderator

**Call to Worship**

**One:** God has called from every corner to be the body of Christ in this place and to do his work. Lorelei Kay, Dutch

**All: We come, grateful for the opportunity to be together.**

**One:** We come with how God has made us unique, Lou Ann Johnson, Laguna

**All: United in the waters of baptism.**

**One:** We gather bringing the richness of our backgrounds, Patrick Kiptum, Swahili

**All: Each gifted from the Holy Spirit.**

**One:** We have traveled through mountains, and the land of Navajo, Pueblo and Apache. Takako Terino, Japanese

**All: Mindful of the company of saints who traveled these distances before us.**

**One:** No matter the language, no matter the dialect, our message is common among us: Guillermo Yela, Spanish

**All: We love because God first loved us.**

\*Gathering Hymn "Come All You People" No. 388 (GtG)

Declaration of Quorum Stephen Rhoades, Stated Clerk

Approval of Docket (#1) & Rules of Decorum (#1a)

**Motion: APPROVE the Docket and Rules of Decorum**

Introduction of New Commissioners

Seating of Corresponding Members

**Motion: APPROVE seating of corresponding members as listed by Stated Clerk**

Welcome & Arrangements Roger Scott Powers

Approval of the Consent Agenda

**Motion: APPROVE the October 2016 Presbytery Minutes (#2)**

Appointment of New Business Committee

10:00 AM

**WORSHIP**

Collect Prayer

Scripture Reading(s)

Message

Doug Hucke, Sandia Presbyterian

The Confession of Belhar

Prologue: Readers' Theater

An Excerpt from the Belhar Confession (in unison)

**We believe**

- that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another;
- that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain;
- that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted;

Anthem: "Belhar" by William R. Miller (St. Andrew Choir)

Faith Sharing (#12a)

Virginia "Ginna" Bairby,  
Designated Pastor – Taos First*Responding to God's Word*

10:45 AM

Our Offerings – Reports &amp; Actions

*Response: For the work of God's people...***"We give you thanks, O Lord!"**Report from the Moderator

Lorelei Kay

Report from Stated Clerk (#4)

Stephen Rhoades

Voting on Proposed Amendments to the Book of Order

**Motion: APPROVE (each amendment listed individually) the amendments to the Book of Order**

Voting on Revised Bylaws and Standing Rules (#4a and 4b)

**Motion: APPROVE the revised Bylaws****Motion: APPROVE the revised Standing Rules**

Administrative Commission for East Mountain

CT Original Jurisdiction Resolution

Commission on Preparation for Ministry (#10a)

John Guthrie

Commission on Ministry (#12) Catherine Robinson / Stephen Daniels

Coordinating Team (#20)

Elizabeth Morgan

Implementation Team (#18a)

Judith Todd

Introduction of New Staff

Report from Fletchers

Worship Networking Committee Karyl Lyne/Kathy Westmoreland

Introducing Table Dialogues

**Our Offering of Resources**

Neighborhood Ministries

**\*Hymn**

**“Know That God Is Good”**

**No. 569 (GtG)**

12:00 PM

Lunch – Fellowship Hall & West Classroom

New Business Committee meets in the Library

12:30

Table Dialogues on Worship Best Practices

1:00 PM

Return to Sanctuary

**\*Hymn**

**“God of Grace and God of Glory”**

**No. 307 (GtG)**

Worship Networking Committee Karyl Lyne/Kathy Westmoreland

Sharing our Thoughts on the Theology of Worship

Education Networking Committee (#40)

Judith Todd

Mission Networking Committee (#30)

Rob Woodruff

Communications Advisory Team (#50)

George Huggins

Stewardship Report

Carol Pierce

Finance and Property (#60)

Kathy Rhoades

**Motion: RECEIVE the Financial Reports**

Treasurer’s Report (#60a, #62)

Bill Belvin

Committee on Representation & Participation

George Austin

3:00 PM

New Business

**Prayer of Dedication**

*Sent Out in Jesus’ Name*

**The Body of Christ**

Announcements

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Invitation to the Lord's Table**

Pastor: He was always the guest . . .  
Jesus Christ, who has sat at our tables,  
now invites us to be guests at his.

**The Great Thanksgiving**

Pastor: Let us pray.  
The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is indeed right, . . .  
Therefore we gladly join our voices  
to the song of the Church  
on earth and in heaven:

**Sanctus #565 Holy, Holy, Holy**

Pastor: And now, lest we believe  
that our praise alone fulfills your purpose,  
we fall silent . . .

**Words of Institution/Breaking the Bread and Pouring the Cup****Communion Hymn #510 We Gather Here in Jesus' Name (Come, Share the Lord)****Sharing of the Bread and Cup**

*Communion will be served today by intinction. When you come forward please take a piece of bread from one of the loaves, dip it in the cup and partake. Gluten free crackers and cups of juice are also available for those who prefer them or have allergies. If you are unable to come forward please let an usher know and we will bring the bread and cup to you. Taste and see that the Lord is good!*

**Communion Music****Prayer after Communion**

Pastor: Let us pray.

**All: In gratitude, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the Living Bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. So, Lord, may we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of earth and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven. Amen.**

\*Hymn

"Behold, Be Still, Become" by Linda R. Beck

Written for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration  
of First Presbyterian Church of Santa Fe

# Behold. Be Still. Become

Written for First Presbyterian Church Santa Fe  
in honor of their 150th Anniversary

Linda Rice Beck  
ASCAP

$\text{♩} = 150$

*mf* 1. We be - hold God's beau - ti - ful world, All of cre -  
*p* 2. "Be still and know that I am God," so said the  
*f* 3. "You have be - come the peo - ple of God." "Go forth in

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a - tion we praise, All of God's mer - cy,  
 Lord a - bove, En - ter the pre - sence  
 peace," God pro - claims, Love all hum - an - i - ty,

11

boun - ty, and kind - ness, In - spir - ing us all of our days.  
 of the Al - migh - ty, Graced by God's in - fin - ite love.  
 Live in com - mun - i - ty, Bless - ing and prais - ing God's name!

16 *Refrain*

*mf* Be - hold God's glo - ry in all the world,

21

*p* Be - still and lis - ten, *mf* Be - come a child of the

27

Lord our God, Be - hold. Be still. Be - come.

Charge & Benediction  
Adjournment

Judy and David Fletcher

## Notes on the Anthem: *Belhar*

Bill Miller

The Confession of Belhar (pronounced Bel-HAR') is a courageous statement of faith from the apartheid era in South Africa. During the time of apartheid, the “mother church” of European immigrants divided the Reformed Christians of South Africa into four distinct churches based on their skin color: one for the descendants of white colonials, one for descendants of immigrants from Asia, one for the “colored” of mixed race, and one for black Africans – a policy defended as scripturally-based. At Belhar, a suburb of Capetown, the colored church drafted this strong condemnation of apartheid as heresy, proclaiming unity as God’s intention for humankind, at a time when such statements could result in imprisonment or death.

In listening to the rhythms and harmonies of South African music while preparing to write this anthem, I found myself drawn to one particular song, *Shosholozza*, that seemed to have a mysterious power about it. The text in Zulu (one of South Africa’s eleven official languages) translates simply as:

*Go forward over the mountains. The train is coming from South Africa.*

*You are hurrying over the mountains. The train is coming from South Africa.*

The author is unknown, but its origins lie in the mines of South Africa. Africans would sing it on the trains transporting them to the mines. Within the mines themselves its call and response was sung to alleviate boredom and to synchronize the striking of pickaxes and hammers.

I asked a South African friend if he was familiar with this song. “Oh yes!” he replied, “every South African knows that song by heart. It is our second national anthem.” In his autobiography, *Long Walk to Freedom*, Nelson Mandela remembers singing *Shosholozza* as he labored in the stone quarries of the prison on Robben Island. It is a song sung in times of hardship, and its message, “Go forward!” has inspired hope and perseverance, much as *We Shall Overcome* did in America. The imagery of an oncoming steam engine moving inexorably forward, conveyed the belief that inevitably apartheid would be overcome. And so it was.

Anthem text:

We believe in one true God who gathers, protects, and cares for the church through word and spirit. This God has done since the beginning of the world, and will do to the end. We believe that Christ’s work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the communion of believers who have been reconciled to God and to one another. Unity is therefore both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ. Separation, enmity, and hatred between people and groups is sin. We must love one another, practice and pursue community. We are obliged to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another. We are baptized with one baptism. We share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind. We have one God, are filled with one spirit, eat of one bread, drink of one cup. We share one hope, confess one name, obey one Lord, work for one cause.

*Shosholozza kulezontaba, stimela si phume South Africa.*

*Wenuyabaleka kulezontaba stimela si phume South Africa.*

The church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. We believe that in obedience to Jesus Christ, its only head, the church is called to confess and to do all these things, even though the authorities and human laws might forbid them, and punishment and suffering will be the consequences. To the one and only God be the honor and glory forever.