

***Presbytery of Santa Fe
Called Meeting
St. Andrew, Albuquerque, NM
February 25, 2017***

I. OPENING

The Presbytery of Santa Fe met on Friday, February 25, 2017, for a Called Meeting at St. Andrew in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The meeting was opened at 9:35 a.m. with prayer by Moderator, Teaching Elder Lorelei Kay.

II. ROLL

Stated Clerk, Ruling Elder Stephen Rhoades, declared a **quorum** was present. Roll was taken at registration and 135 persons indicated attendance, of which 115 were voting members. (The number before elder commissioners indicates the number of commissioners allotted for that church).

Teaching Elder Members of Presbytery in Attendance

Anthony (Tony) Aja	Ginna Bairby	Andrew Black
David Cameron	Randy Campbell	Jim Collie
Rob Craig	Ken Cuthbertson	Harry Eberts
Jeff Finch	Laura Niles Finch	Seth Finch
Michele Goff	Jan Gough	Don Grauer
Kelly Gregory	Karl Gustafson	John Guthrie
Richard Harrison	Tom Hart	Earl Harvey
Drew Henry	Doug Hucke	Kay Huggins
Bill Humphreys	Kay Peters Johnson	Ed Katzenberger
Gerard Kuyk	Lorna Kuyk	Wes Lackey
Joyce Lieberman	David Martinez	Jamie Harris Martinez
Bobbie McGarey	John McGarey	Matthew Miller
Georgia Ortiz	Katie Palmer	Howard Paul
Randy Pence	Glenn Perica	Dave Philips
Matthew Pooley	Roger Powers	Susan Quass
Jaime Quiñones	Linda Roberts-Baca	Catherine Robinson
Richard Stoops	Takako Terino	Judith Todd
Kathryn Westmoreland	David Whiteley	Ed Wicklein
Robert Woodruff	Frank Yates	Guillermo Yela

Certified Christian Educators in Attendance

Libby Engdahl Whiteley

Commissioned Ruling Elders of Presbytery in Attendance

Marjorie Davison Shirley Sandoval (also listed as commissioner)
Gay Veit (also listed as commissioner)

Churches Ruling Elder Commissioners Present

ABQ, Covenant	(3)	Sarah Kotchian, Mary Loyd, Bob Mennonna,
ABQ, First	(5)	Ron Halbgewachs, Anna Medendorp, Carolyn Rhodes
ABQ, Immanuel	(2)	Elizabeth Morgan, Roy Morgan

ABQ, New Life	(1)	Lois Reynolds
ABQ, La Mesa	(3)	Judy Belvin, Beth Pachak
ABQ, Rio Grande	(1)	Marsha Bedell
ABQ, St. Andrew	(3)	Max Bartlett, Anna Creamer, Phil Witherspoon
ABQ, Sandia	(6)	John Bannerman, James Frey (part of the day), Dave Kirby, Molly Minana, Phyllis Moore, Kwaku Sraha (part of the day), Orban Winton
ABQ, Second	(3)	Susie Chang, Abel McBride, Gloria Mirabal
ABQ, Shepherd of the Valley	(4)	Bryan Beck, Don Pamerleau
Aztec	(1)	Kris Jones
Belen, First	(1)	Linda Wilson
Chacon, El Rito	(1)	Shirley Sandoval
Cuba	(1)	Ross Smith
Dixon, Embudo	(1)	Gregorita Garcia
Gallup, Westminster	(1)	Valdine Brower
Laguna, United	(1)	Lou Ann Johnson
Las Vegas, United	(1)	Karyl Lyne
Los Alamos, White Rock	(1)	Joyce Haven
Magdalena, Community	(1)	Marcia Ann Thornton
Mora, First	(1)	Gay Veit
Peñasco, Emmanuel	(1)	Nelson Lopez
Placitas, Las Placitas	(2)	Christine Mink, Bethany Sherwood
Ranchos de Taos, Ranchos	(1)	Darryl Bouchard
Rio Rancho	(3)	Lee Malmo, Helen Pederson, Arlene Thomas
Santa Fe, First	(4)	Judi Haines, Steve Kinnett
Santa Fe, Westminster	(1)	Alan Tway
Taos, First	(1)	Gary Wright
Truchas, Smith Memorial	(1)	Leslee Cordova

Churches Not Represented by Ruling Elders

Angel Fire, United	(1)
Chimayo, El Buen Pastor	(1)
Datil, Community	(1)
Farmington, First	(4)
Glenwood	(1)
Grants, First	(1)
Jemez Springs	(1)
Los Alamos, United	(1)
Raton, First	(1)
Socorro, First	(1)

Former Moderators in Attendance

Marty Bruner
Nelson Capitan
Maribeth Culpepper
Laura Niles Finch (also listed under Teaching Elders)
Margaret Franke

Kay Huggins (also listed under Teaching Elders)
Elizabeth Morgan (also listed under commissioners)
Conrad M. Rocha
Rob Woodruff (also listed under Teaching Elders)
Frank Yates (also listed under Teaching Elders)

Officers of the Presbytery and Committee Moderators in Attendance

George Austin
Bill Belvin
Lola Blackwell
Karyl Lyne (also listed under Ruling Elder Commissioners)
Elizabeth Morgan (also listed under Ruling Elder Commissioners)
Stephen Rhoades
Susan Keil Smith
Debbie Steffen
Judith Todd (also listed under Teaching Elders)

Excused

Teaching Elders/CREs/Certified Christian Educator Members:

Claudia Aguilar	Sara Armstrong	Katherine Cameron
Stephen Daniels	Lisa Easterling	David Elton
Cheryl Finch	Elizabeth Graham	Ann Graham-Johnson
Larry Graham-Johnson	Trey Hammond	Laura Kuster
Craig Nakagawa	Jeff Pearson	Richard Safford
Gay Veit		

Teaching Elders/CREs/ Certified Christian Educator Members Not Excused:

Richard Gould	Steve Gribble	Suzanne Hewett
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III. DOCKET

Presbytery APPROVED the following Docket as amended, adding a motion to approve the 2018 Presbytery Meeting Dates under the Stated Clerk Report. Presbytery also APPROVED the Rules of Decorum.

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

Listening for God’s Word to Us

10:00 AM WORSHIP

Collect Prayer

Scripture Reading

Exodus 1:1-12

Message “The Original Purpose Driven Church” Doug Hucke, Sandia, ABQ

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 & Actions <i>Response:</i> For the work of God’s people... “We give you thanks, O Lord!”	
	<u>Report from the Moderator</u>	Lorelei Kay
	<u>Report from Stated Clerk (#4)</u>	Stephen Rhoades
	Voting on Proposed Amendments to the Book of Order	
	Motion: APPROVE (each amendment listed individually) the 2016 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	
	Announcement of CT Original Jurisdiction Actions	
	<u>Commission on Preparation for Ministry (#10a)</u>	John Guthrie
	<u>Commission on Ministry (#12)</u>	Catherine Robinson
	<u>Coordinating Team (#20)</u>	Elizabeth Morgan
	<u>Implementation Team (#18a)</u>	Judith Todd
	Introduction of New Staff	
	Report from Fletchers	
	<u>Worship Networking Committee</u>	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)
	<u>Worship Networking Committee</u>	Karyl Lyne/Kathy Westmoreland
	Sharing our Thoughts on Worship Best Practices	
	<u>Education Networking Committee (#40)</u>	Judith Todd
	<u>Mission Networking Committee (#30)</u>	Rob Woodruff
	<u>Communications Advisory Team (#50)</u>	George Huggins
	Faith Sharing (#12b)	Don Grauer, Ghost Ranch Faith Community Liaison
	<u>Stewardship Report</u>	Bryan Beck

Finance and Property (#60)

Debbie Steffen

Motion: RECEIVE the Financial Reports

Treasurer's Report (#60a, #62)

Bill Belvin

Committee on Representation & Participation

George Austin

Motion: Approve Stephanie Kremmel for MNC Class of 2019 & Jim Collie for PJC Class of 2019

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

3:30 PM

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION Roger Scott Powers/Takako Terino

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 150th Anniversary Celebration of First Presbyterian Church of Santa Fe
Charge & Benediction Judy and David Fletcher
Adjournment

IV. CORRESPONDING MEMBERS AND NEW COMMISSIONERS

The Presbytery WELCOMED all first-time commissioners introduced at the meeting. The Presbytery WELCOMED the following corresponding members and GAVE them privilege of the floor: David Fletcher (Grace Presbytery); Judy Fletcher (Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery); and Conrad Rocha (Synod of the Southwest).

V. WELCOME AND ARRANGEMENTS

Teaching Elder Roger Scott Powers, pastor at St. Andrew Presbyterian in Albuquerque, welcomed the Presbytery to the church.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

Presbytery APPROVED the minutes of the October 15-16, 2016 meeting.

VII. NEW BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Moderator Lorelei Kay announced that the following persons were appointed to the New Business Committee for this meeting:

To Chair: Teaching Elder Ken Cuthbertson

Ruling Elders: Valdine Brower, Nelson Lopez, Jan Micali, Phil Witherspoon

Commissioned Ruling Elder: Marjorie Davison

Teaching Elders: Michele Goff

She announced that any new business for the meeting must be given in writing to the Stated Clerk by the time the body adjourned for lunch.

VIII. WORSHIP

The Presbytery meeting was planned so that worship took place throughout the meeting. The presbytery meeting is worshipful work. The Rev. Doug Hucke, senior pastor at Sandia Presbyterian in Albuquerque, preached a sermon on “The Original Purpose Driven Church.” The St. Andrew choir sang an anthem based on Belhar written by one of the St. Andrew members, Bill Miller.

IX. FAITH SHARING

Moderator Kay introduced Teaching Elder Ginna Bairby, who came before the Presbytery to be introduced and to share a brief portion of her faith journey. She transferred her membership from the Presbytery of the James and most recently worked for PMA. She is the Designated Pastor for First Presbyterian in Taos.

X. MODERATOR'S REPORT

Moderator Kay shared with the presbytery the process by which a letter to the editor was sent to several newspapers signed by the Coordinating Team on behalf of the presbytery. She shared the responses she received back both positive and negative. This will be an ongoing discussion with the presbytery about who speaks for the presbytery, when and under what conditions. Additional information will be brought to the June presbytery meeting.

Response: For the work of God's people...

“We give you thanks, O Lord!”

XI. STATED CLERK REPORT

Stated Clerk, Stephen Rhoades, shared the process by which the presbytery would vote on the amendments to the Book of Order. An informational session, coordinated by the Education Networking Committee, had been held on Friday, February 24th, at St. Andrew, giving people a chance to ask questions about the amendments. Ballots were distributed to all voting commissioners. Stated Clerk Rhoades moved each amendment and then gave time for discussion. Then the body was given time to record their written vote. Votes were tallied and the results are reported below.

The amendments considered were:

16-A. Child and Youth Protection Policy
On Amending G-3.0106 (Item 05-09)
Presbytery CONCURRED

16-B. Parity in Committees
On Amending G-3.0109 (Item 06-05)
Presbytery CONCURRED

16-C. Ordered Ministry Titles
16-C.1. On Amending F-3.0202 (Item 06-08, Recommendation 1)
Presbytery CONCURRED

16-C.2. On Amending G-2.0102 (Item 06-08, Recommendation 2)
Presbytery CONCURRED

16-C.3. On Amending G-2.0301 (Item 06-08, Recommendation 3)
Presbytery CONCURRED

16-C.4. On Amending G-2.05 and G-2.0501 (Item 06-08, Recommendation 4)
Presbytery CONCURRED

16-C.5. On Amending G-2.0701 (Item 06-08, Recommendation 5)
Presbytery CONCURRED

16-C.6. On Amending G-3.0307 (Item 06-08, Recommendation 6)
Presbytery DECLINED TO CONCUR

16-C.7. On Amending the Directory for Worship and the Rules of Discipline (Item 06-08,
Recommendation 7)
Presbytery CONCURRED

16-C.8. On amending W-4.4001a. (Item 06-08, Recommendation 8)
Presbytery CONCURRED

16-D. Relationship to PC(USA) of a Person Who Has Renounced Jurisdiction of the Church

16-D.1. On Amending G-2.0509 (Item 06-10, Recommendation 1)
Presbytery DECLINED TO CONCUR

16-D.2. On Amending D-10.0401 (Item 06-10, Recommendation 2)
Presbytery DECLINED TO CONCUR

16-E. Certified Service Requirements - On Amending G-2.1101 (Item 06-15)
Presbytery CONCURRED

16-F. The Ministry of Members - On Amending G-1.0304 (Item 09-11)
Presbytery CONCURRED

16-G. Access to the Lord's Table On Amending W-2.4011a. and b. (Item 14-03)
Presbytery CONCURRED

16-H. Directory for Worship - On Replacing the Current Directory for Worship (Item 14-04)
Presbytery CONCURRED

The Stated Clerk moved the revised Bylaws (Attachment A). Presbytery APPROVED the revised Bylaws by more than the required 2/3 majority.

The Stated Clerk moved the revised Standing Rules (Attachment B). Presbytery APPROVED the revised Standing Rules by more than the required 2/3 majority.

Presbytery APPROVED the motion: In the event of the passage of any or all of the proposed amendments 16-C.1 through 16-C.8, the Stated Clerk of the presbytery be given editorial license to make any needed and appropriate changes to the Standing Rules and By-Laws of the Presbytery of Santa Fe, re: Teaching Elders/ Ministers of Word and Sacrament, and Commissioned Ruling Elders/ Commissioned Pastors, and that such editorial changes need simply be reported to the body.

Stated Clerk Rhoades updated the presbytery on the Administrative Commission for the East Mountain.

He also notified the presbytery of exercise of original jurisdiction over a church session because of an accusation in a disciplinary action against a church member. Later, when the member making the accusation voluntarily resigned and was removed from the membership rolls by the church session, exercise of original jurisdiction was terminated. Both actions were made by the Coordinating Team.

Response: For the work of God’s people...

“We give you thanks, O Lord!”

XII. COMMISSION ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

Teaching Elder John Guthrie, chair of CPM, came forward to introduce Patrick Kiptum. He is attending San Francisco Theological Seminary and is ready to graduate. CPM has acted to move Patrick from Inquirer to Candidate. Patrick shared some of his faith journey and the presbytery was invited to ask him questions. Friends from Westminster Presbyterian in Santa Fe and others who have walked with Patrick in his faith journey were invited to come forward and lay hands on him and the presbytery prayed for him.

Response: For the work of God’s people...

“We give you thanks, O Lord!”

XIII. WORSHIP NETWORKING

Ruling Elder Karyl Lyne and Teaching Elder Kathy Westmoreland introduced the topic to be discussed at the tables after lunch. Each table is asked to share with each other what aspect of the worship in their home church is most meaningful or a practice that others should know about. Paper to record what is said is provided at each table. Each table could then report back on what they had heard.

The Presbytery recessed for lunch at 12:20 p.m. with a prayer by Moderator Kay.

The Presbytery reconvened at 1:10 p.m. with a hymn and an offering that would go to St. Andrew’s Neighborhood Ministries providing support for the homeless.

XIV. WORSHIP NETWORKING (CONTINUED)

The tables were invited to share one or two exciting ideas that they heard.

Response: For the work of God’s people...

“We give you thanks, O Lord!”

XV. COMMISSION ON MINISTRY

Teaching Elder Catherine Robinson, Co-Chair of the Commission on Ministry, presented the COM Report. She informed the presbytery that COM is working on updating its policies and procedures to comply with the Book of Order. They have also assigned liaisons from COM to each of the churches. The pastors and clerks should be receiving a letter soon with information about their assigned liaison. COM has taken the following actions on behalf of presbytery:

1. NEW PASTORS RECEIVED AND/OR INSTALLED:

a. in August COM approved the terms of call from ABQ St. Andrew to the Rev. Roger Scott Powers as Pastor and Moderator of Session, effective September 1, 2016. Roger was installed there on Sunday, December 11, 2016.

b. in August, COM approved the terms of call from ABQ, First, to the Rev. Stephanie Kremmel. Stephanie was installed there on November 13, 2016.

c. in October, COM approved the call from the First Presbyterian Church of Taos to the Rev. Virginia Bairby. This note was presented in the COM report to the October 2016 meeting of the Presbytery with the terms of call but without her name, as it was a few days premature to make that fuller announcement. March 26 is the projected date for her service of installation there.

d. in January and February, COM approved the developing plans for the Rev. Takako Terino to be installed as the Chaplain at the Menaul School at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, March 8, 2017, to include the Rev. Jim Collie, the Rev. Jaime Quinones, the Rev. Kathy Barlow Westmoreland, the Rev. Tony Aja, Lindsey Gilbert of Covenant P.C., Sharon Yates of St. Andrew P.C., Stephen Rhoades of ABQ First, Judith Mead of ABQ First and COM liaison, with Presbytery Moderator, the Rev. Lorelei Kay as moderator. Other invited participants include Tony De La Rosa of the PCUSA Mission Agency, the Rev. Deborah Hill of the AME, and the Rev. Drew Henry of this presbytery.

2. MEMBERS AT LARGE AND HONORABLY RETIRED MEMBERS RECEIVED

in December COM received the Rev. Susan Quass as a Member-At-Large from Baltimore Presbytery;

in February COM received into Presbytery Membership the Rev. Ted Mattie, from the Presbytery of the Northwest Coast;

in February COM received into Presbytery Membership the Rev. Norwood V. “Woody” Brown from the Heartland Presbytery.

3. CONTRACTS APPROVED:

a. in November COM approved the contract between Los Alamos, White Rock and the Rev. John Guthrie as Designated Pastor for one year, January 1 – December 31, 2017;

b. in December COM approved the CRE contracts through December 31, 2017, as follows:

1) Mora: Gay Veit;

2) El Rito, Chacon: Shirley Sandoval;

3) Peñasco: Stephen Daniels;

c. in January COM approved the contract between Ranchos de Taos and the Rev. Richard Gould as Stated Supply for 13 months, beginning December 1, 2016 and 12/31/2017, as COM moves toward 12/31 as a standard date for review and possible extension of annual contracts;

d. in January COM approved the Covenant that binds the congregations of Cuba, Placitas, and Rio Rancho for expressions of ministry that support the Cuba congregation with rotating clergy for occasional worship leadership and moderating session meetings.

e. in January COM approved the contract between Dixon, Embudo and Kay Johnson, effective November 1, 2016;

f. in January COM approved the request from Rio Rancho that Marjorie Davison be commissioned to serve there as Parish Associate;

4. CHANGE IN MINISTERIAL/CRE STATUS:

a. in December COM approved as Validated Ministry the work of the Rev. Lorna Kuyk as a Leadership, Ministry, and Relationship Coach, effective October 1, 2016.

5. TRIENNIAL VISITS COMPLETED:

- a. Peñasco, Emmanuel, 9/10/16.
- b. ABQ Camino de Vida, 10/12/16
- c. Chimayo, El Buen Pastor, 10/23/16
- d. ABQ Rio Grande, 11/5/16
- e. Ranchos De Taos, 11/6/16
- f. Gallup, Westminster, 11/13/16
- g. ABQ, Shepherd of the Valley, 11/15/16
- h. Mora, First, 11/20/16

6. EXAMINATIONS CONDUCTED:

- a. the Rev. Virginia Bairby, for the PNC process at Taos, First
- b. the Rev. Donald Grauer, HR, to add to the Pulpit Supply List
- c. the Rev. Susan Quass, for membership transfer as a Member-At-Large
- d. the Rev. Ted Mattie, HR, for membership transfer and to add to the Pulpit Supply List
- e. the Rev. Norwood V. “Woody” Brown, for membership transfer as a Member-AtLarge

7. SABBATICAL PLANS APPROVED:

In December, 2016, COM approved sabbatical plans for the Rev. Drew Henry.

8. FOR INFORMATION:

In November, COM added to the Pulpit Supply list the names of Donald Grauer, currently serving as volunteer staff at Ghost Ranch; Sara Kotchian; Marney Wasserman; and David Wasserman.

In February the Rev. Ted Mattie's name was added to the list.

In January COM adopted a motion encouraging that invitations to services of ordination and/or installation also include invitations for ministers to attend wearing robes and red stoles. Monthly COM meetings include devotions led by an assigned member of COM. And the meetings regularly include training sessions for COM. In recent months COM has heard/learned/discussed the topics of Pastoral Care Needs for Pastors, with Paul Hopkins; and Change Theory with Rob Craig. In January COM had an orientation session for new members of COM and COM organization for all; in February we missed our intended presenter for want of on-time arrival at the Sunport.

Response: For the work of God's people...

“We give you thanks, O Lord!”

XVI. COORDINATING TEAM

Ruling Elder Elizabeth Morgan, Chair of the Coordinating Team, introduced all the members of CT.

Response: For the work of God’s people...

“We give you thanks, O Lord!”

XVII. IMPLEMENTATION TEAM

Teaching Elder Judith Todd, Chair of the Implementation Team, introduced all of the staff to the presbytery. Takako Terino, Chaplain for the Presbytery, invited Teaching Elders and Commissioned Ruling Elders to call on her if they needed anything.

Judith invited Judy and David Fletcher to come forward and give their reports as they finish up their terms as transitional consultants. They reminded the presbytery that there is a new organizational structure and that a variety of staff and committees/commissions are doing the work of the Missional Presbyter. These people need the prayers and support of the presbytery. They urged the presbytery to trust the game plan and fix what needs to be fixed. This presbytery is very relational and that is important to its wellbeing, so they encourage the presbytery to continue relating and ministering to each other. The Fletchers visited 24 churches, met with 13 pastors, and with a variety of committees and with nine pastor groups. They commended the Stated Clerk on his goal to visit all the churches.

The presbytery presented the Fletchers with a gift of a Laguna pot and thanked them for their 8 months of service.

Response: For the work of God’s people...

“We give you thanks, O Lord!”

XVIII. EDUCATION NETWORKING

ENC provided a written report on the activities and grants that have been funded. Teaching Elder Judith Todd, Chair of ENC, reminded the churches that grant funds are available to the churches and they are urged to apply for grants, especially those done in collaboration with other churches.

Response: For the work of God’s people...

“We give you thanks, O Lord!”

XIX. MISSION NETWORKING

MNC provided a written report on the activities and grants that have been funded. Teaching Elder Rob Woodruff, Chair of MNC, reminded the presbytery of the March 31 – April 1 event at First in Albuquerque on “Racism, Power and Dominance in the U.S. and Faith Communities” Max Bartlett gave a brief report on the Lutheran Advocacy Ministries - New Mexico.

Response: For the work of God’s people...

“We give you thanks, O Lord!”

Moderator-Elect Bryan Beck moderated this portion of the meeting.

XX. COMMUNICATIONS ACTION TEAM

CAT chair, George Huggins, informed the Presbytery that CAT has created a Communications Plan approved by CT. Have created three church websites supported by CAT. Two of those are ready to be transferred to local website support. 11 churches still need websites.

Response: For the work of God’s people...

“We give you thanks, O Lord!”

XXI. FAITH SHARING

Moderator Elect Beck introduced Teaching Elder Don Grauer, who is the Faith Community Liaison for Ghost Ranch. He transferred his membership from the Presbytery of Western Reserve. Don shared his love of Ghost Ranch.

XXII. STEWARDSHIP TEAM

Stewardship Team member, Ruling Elder Bryan Beck, updated the Presbytery on the giving in 2016 and 2017.

Response: For the work of God’s people...

“We give you thanks, O Lord!”

XXIII. FINANCE AND PROPERTY

Ruling Elder Debbie Steffen, chair of F&P, provided a written report to presbytery. She invited Treasurer Bill Belvin forward to present the financial reports.

XXIV. TREASURER’S REPORT

Ruling Elder Bill Belvin presented the Treasurer’s report, and noted that the Presbytery’s balance sheet remains strong. Presbytery RECEIVED the Treasurer’s Report (ATTACHMENT C).

Response: For the work of God’s people...

“We give you thanks, O Lord!”

XXV. COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION AND PARTICIPATION

Ruling Elder George Austin, chair of CORP, on behalf of CORP nominated Teaching Elder Stephanie Kremmel for MNC Class of 2019 & Teaching Elder Jim Collie for PJC Class of 2019. There being no nominations from the floor, the presbytery ELECTED these two people.

Response: For the work of God’s people...

“We give you thanks, O Lord!”

XXVI. NEW BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Teaching Elder, Ken Cuthbertson, chair of the new business committee informed the presbytery that there was new business. The motion they received from Teaching Elder Ed Katzenberger was: It is a Kairos time for the PCUSA. As in the past, so now, we are called to witness and confess Jesus Christ in this specific and particular time and place in which we live. More than 30 years have passed since our last public confession, the Brief Statement of the Reformed Faith. We are now called to speak publicly once again what we believe God in Jesus Christ, through the Holy Spirit, is calling the church to be; Now, Here. I move that PSF overture the GA to undertake the writing of a confessional document for the 21st century.

The New Business Committee recommended that the Presbytery of Santa Fe direct the Moderator, in consultation with the Coordinating Team, to appoint a task force to consider and prepare a draft overture to G.A. and report back to the summer meeting. Presbytery APPROVED the motion.

Response: For the work of God's people...

“We give you thanks, O Lord!”

Moderator Lorelei Kay returned to moderate this portion of the meeting and gave the Prayer of Dedication for all the work of God's people in the Presbytery of Santa Fe.

XXVII. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS

Several members of the Presbytery stood to share joys, concerns and announcements with the body. The prayers of the people were followed by the Lord's Prayer.

VIII. WORSHIP

The Presbytery meeting concluded with the celebration of the Lord's Supper led by Teaching Elders Takako Terino and Roger Scott Powers. The Presbytery sang a hymn “Behold. Be Still. Become.” written by Linda Rice Beck, a member of First Presbyterian of Santa Fe, on the occasion of their 150th anniversary. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 at the giving of the benediction by Judy and David Fletcher.

Respectfully submitted,

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Stated Clerk