

**Presbytery of Santa Fe
Annual Meeting
Ghost Ranch, Abiquiu
October 21-22, 2017**

Saturday, October 21

I. OPENING

The Presbytery of Santa Fe met on Saturday and Sunday, October 21-22, 2017, for the Annual Meeting at Ghost Ranch in Abiquiu, NM. The meeting was opened at 9:00 a.m. with prayer and a call to worship by Moderator, MWS Lorelei Kay.

II. ROLL

Stated Clerk, Elder Stephen Rhoades, declared a **quorum** was present. Roll was taken at registration and 131 persons indicated attendance, of which 101 were voting members. (The number before elder commissioners indicates the number of commissioners allotted for that church).

Ministers of Word and Sacrament (MWS) Members of Presbytery in Attendance

Sara Armstrong	Ginna Bairby	Robert Barnes
Andrew Black	Robert Bos	Jim Brown
Norwood Brown	Randy Campbell	Rick Carus
Harry Eberts	Jeff Finch	Laura Niles Finch
Seth Finch	Michele Goff	Larry Graham-Johnson
Ann Graham-Johnson	Don Grauer	Tom Hart
Drew Henry	Kay Huggins	Bill Humphreys
Lorelei Kay	Robyn Kleinschmidt	Stephanie Kremmel
Dean Lewis	Linda Loving	Bobbie McGarey
John McGarey	Brian Merritt	Matthew Miller
Rebecca Morgan	Katie Palmer	Howard Paul
Matt Pooley	Roger Scott Powers	Jim Roghair
Richard Safford	Richard Stoops	Christine Vogel
Kathy Westmoreland	David Whiteley	Frank Yates
Guillermo Yela		

Certified Christian Educators in Attendance

Libby Engdahl Whiteley

Commissioned Pastors of Presbytery in Attendance

Stephen Daniels Marjorie Davison Gay Veit

Churches Elder Commissioners Present

ABQ, Covenant (3) David Blankinship, Tanya Blankinship, Carol
Pierce

ABQ, First	(5)	Ann Dinius, Ron Halbgewachs, Sue Lee, Anna Medendorp, Kirsten Marr
ABQ, Immanuel	(2)	John Sitler, Byrch Williams
ABQ, La Mesa	(3)	Judy Belvin, Beth Pachak, Robert Robie
ABQ, New Life	(1)	Nancy Sutton
ABQ, Rio Grande	(1)	Marsha Bedell
ABQ, St. Andrew	(3)	Anna Creamer, Debbie Steffen, Marilyn Stoops
ABQ, Sandia	(6)	Travis Bauer, Dave Kirby, Linda Kirby, Phyllis Moore
ABQ, Second	(3)	Lynn Gatewood, George Huggins, Abel McBride
ABQ, Shepherd of the Valley	(4)	Bryan Beck, Janice Beck, Jackson Mortley
Angel Fire, United	(1)	Vernett Safford
Aztec	(1)	Kris Jones
Belen, First	(1)	Linda Wilson
Cuba	(1)	Ross Smith
Dixon, Embudo	(1)	Betty Mascareñas
Farmington, First	(4)	Jim Webster, Stella Webster
Gallup, Westminster	(1)	Valdine Brower
Laguna, United	(1)	Lou Ann Johnson
Las Vegas, United	(1)	Karyl Lyne
Los Alamos, White Rock	(1)	Ken Holmes
Placitas, Las Placitas	(2)	Virginia Watkins
Rio Rancho	(3)	George Austin, Marj Austin
Santa Fe, First	(4)	Judi Haines, Steve Kinnett
Socorro, First	(1)	Eric Sewell
Taos, First	(1)	Gary Wright

Churches Not Represented by Elders

Chacon, El Rito	(1)
Chimayo, El Buen Pastor	(1)
Datil, Community	(1)
Glenwood	(1)
Grants, First	(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)
Truchas, Smith Memorial	(1)

Former Moderators in Attendance

Anna Creamer (also listed under St. Andrew)
Marty Bruner
Maribeth Culpepper
Laura Niles Finch (also listed under MWS)

Kay Huggins (also listed under MWS)
Elizabeth Morgan
Conrad M. Rocha
Frank Yates (also listed under MWS)

Officers of the Presbytery and Committee Moderators in Attendance

George Austin (also listed under Rio Rancho)
Bryan Beck (also listed under Shepherd of the Valley)
Bill Belvin
Karyl Lyne (also listed under Las Vegas)
Stephen Rhoades
Susan Smith
Debbie Steffen (also listed under St. Andrew)
Nancy Thomas
Judith Todd (also listed under MWS)

Excused

MWS/Commissioned Pastors/Certified Christian Educator Members:

Claudia Aguilar	Tony Aja	David Cameron
Lisa Easterling	David Elton	Jan Gough
Elizabeth Graham	Kelly Gregory	Trey Hammond
Doug Hucke	Kay Johnson	Ed Katzenberger
Linda Loving	David Martinez	Jamie Harris Martinez
Craig Nakagawa	Jeff Pearson	Randy Pence
Susan Quass	Linda Roberts-Baca	Catherine Robinson
Shirley Sandoval	Takako Terino	Rob Woodruff

MWS/Commissioned Pastors/Certified Christian Educator Members Not Excused:

Richard Gould	Steve Gribble	Trey Hammond
Suzanne Hewett	Laura Kuster	

III. DOCKET

Presbytery APPROVED the following Docket and Rules of Decorum, except the Safe Church Training for pastors was cancelled.

“Our Story: Listening for God’s Word Among Us”

Theme – The church is changing, which is both exciting and incredibly scary to our members, old and young. Scripture encourages us, at times like this, to listen, both to one another and to the voice of God’s Spirit. Our time together during this Presbytery meeting will be used to practice listening, seeking the wisdom of God’s Word among us through respectful attention to one another’s stories.

Saturday, October 21

8:00 AM Registration opens outside Agape Center

Griselda Sandoval

8:30 AM New Commissioner Orientation –Agape Gathering Stephen Rhoades

9:00 AM Convene with Call to Worship – Welcome and Intro to Storytelling
Lorelei Kay, Moderator

***Call to Worship – Hebrews 1:1-4**

Leader: Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days God has spoken to us by a Son, whom God appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds.

People: He is the reflection of God’s glory and the exact imprint of God’s very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word.

Leader: When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

***Gathering Hymn “Open Your Ears, O Faithful People”**

Declaration of Quorum Stephen Rhoades, Stated Clerk

Approval of Docket (#1R) Rules of Decorum (#1a)
Approval of Consent Agenda (#1b)
Seating of Corresponding Members
Introduction of New Commissioners
Welcome & Arrangements

Debra Hepler

Appointment of New Business Committee

9:20 AM – **Our Story – First Storyteller** Rick Carus, HR

Introduction of the YAVs Luke Rembold

Commissioning of the YAVs

Response: For the work of God’s people...
“We give you thanks, O Lord!”

Our Story – Second Storyteller Luke Rembold

When have you recently changed your mind? What or who led you to make that change? OR have you recently re-examined a belief you have held for a long time? What voices helped you through that process?

Our Story – Learning to Listen, Receive and Reflect without Responding

- Storytelling is a way for each of us to claim our own voice. It is an opportunity to share what is real and meaningful in our journey of faith.
- When we listen without interrupting, we are able to hear the other person’s story without trying to form connections between their story and ours, and without planning our own response in turn. We hear each other at a deeper level.
- Eventually, we do want to see how our stories connect or where there might be similar experiences or learning. But for now, we want to attend to the other person carefully – therefore, after each person has shared their story, we will take at least 30 seconds of silence to create sacred space before we proceed to the next storyteller.

Community Storytelling: (Take 5 minutes to prepare) When have you recently changed your mind? What or who led you to make that change? OR have you recently re-examined a belief you have held for a long time? What voices helped you through that process?

In 5 minute rotations, each member of the group shares their story (timed). Total time 45 minutes.

11:00 AM – Reports from Committees and Officers of Presbytery

Sharing from our Partners

Clayton Cobb, Board of Pensions

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

“We give you thanks, O Lord!”

Commission on Ministry (#12)

Stephen Daniels

Reminder about Change in Minimum Terms of Call

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

“We give you thanks, O Lord!”

Report from Moderator

Lorelei Kay

Election of new members of CORP

Recognition and dismissal with thanks of Implementation Team

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

“We give you thanks, O Lord!”

Committee on Representation and Participation

George Austin

Election of Nominees (#14)

Representation Report (#15)

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

“We give you thanks, O Lord!”

Report from Stated Clerk (#4)

Stephen Rhoades

Report on Balance of Elder Commissioners 2017 (#4a) (consent agenda)

Updated Report on Review of Session Records 2016 (#4b) (consent agenda)

Receipt of Annual Reports (#AR) (consent agenda)

Concurrence on Mental Health Overture (#100)

Standing Rule Proposal for Public Statements (#4c) (first reading)

Report on Editorial Changes to Ordered Ministry Titles in Bylaws and Standing Rules

Datil Request for Waiver of Book of Order Limitations on Elder's Consecutive Terms

Approve location of July 2018 presbytery meeting at Peñasco, Emmanuel

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

“We give you thanks, O Lord!”

11:45 AM – **Our Story–Third Storyteller**

Robert “Bob” Bos
Chaplain UNM Mariposa Pediatric Hospice

11:50 AM Minute Announcements and Sharing of Joys and Concerns

12:00 PM Blessing and Recess for lunch (Order of the Day) Dining Hall
(New Business Committee will gather if needed)

1:00 PM Gathering Music
Minute Announcements and Sharing of Joys and Concerns

1:10 PM – **Our Story – Fourth Storyteller** Christine Vogel, HR

1:15 PM **Community Storytelling:** Here we move from listening to others to listening for God's voice. Tell about a time you listened to God's call OR describe a time God asked you to do something outside your comfort zone.

2:15 PM **Scripture Reading:** Acts 9-10 (selected verses)
Stewardship Team Report

Receive Our Offering for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

***Hymn of Response "There is Enough"**

2:30 PM – Reports from Committees and Officers of Presbytery (Continued)

Finance and Property (#60) Debbie Steffen
Treasurer's Report (#60a, 62) Bill Belvin
Our Resources Doing Mission –Budget Presentation Debbie Steffen

Budget Approval (#61)

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

Report from Coordinating Team Elizabeth Morgan
Covenants (#20a)

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

Report from 150th Anniversary Committee Susan Keil Smith & Kathy Rhoades

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

Recognition of the Work of Mission in the North Lorelei Kay

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

Sharing from Our Partners Conrad Rocha, Synod of the Southwest

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

New Business (if any)

3:45 PM – **Our Story – Fifth Storyteller (#12d)** Rebecca Morgan
Interim First Farmington

3:50 PM - Minute Announcements and Sharing of Joys and Concerns
(if necessary)

4:00 PM – **Scattering Music “From This House”**

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM – Free Time

5:30 PM – Dinner Dining Hall

7:00 PM – Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Laurie Kraus, PDA Director

*Response: For the work of God’s people...
“We give you thanks, O Lord!”*

Mission Co-Workers Al & Ellen Smith, Eastern Europe & Russia

*Response: For the work of God’s people...
“We give you thanks, O Lord!”*

8:00 PM – Presbytery fellowship time

Sunday, October 22

7:00 AM – Morning Vespers outside Agape Center

7:30 AM – Breakfast is served

9:00 AM – **Gathering Music “Come, All You People”**
Reconvene with Prayer Moderator Lorelei Kay

9:05 AM – **Our Story – Sixth Storyteller** Woody Brown
Member at Large

9:10 AM **Community Storytelling**
Take this opportunity to describe a vision of the authentic church of the future--what does that vision look like? What is my part in it?

10:30 AM – Break; prepare for worship

10:45 AM – **Closing Worship, including the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper and
Necrology (Music during communion: “Welcome Table”**
Scripture for Sermon – John 4:1-30, 39-42
Scripture for Confession – John 18:33-37
Installation of Moderator

11:55 AM Charge and adjournment with closing prayer

12:00 PM – Lunch is served

~~1:00-4:00 PM Safe Church Training for Pastors~~

Report #1a

Rules of Decorum

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 CONSENT AGENDA

Presbytery **APPROVED** the following consent agenda:

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent and 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 the Presbytery APPROVE the minutes of the June 24, 2017 Stated Presbytery Meeting (Report #2).
5. That the Presbytery APPROVE the transfer of Glenn Perica, HR, to Plains and Peaks Presbytery effective October 12, 2017 (motion from COM).

6. That the Presbytery RECEIVE COM's Report (Report #12).
7. That the Presbytery RECEIVE the Stated Clerk's Report "Addressing the Imbalance of Elder Commissioners for 2017" (Report #4a).
8. That the Presbytery RECEIVE the Stated Clerk's Report "Updated Review of Session Records 2017" (Report #4b).
9. That the Presbytery RECEIVE the Annual Reports from the various constituencies of Presbytery (Report #s AR) (from Stated Clerk).
10. That the Presbytery RECEIVE the Stated Clerk's Report (Report #4).
11. That the Presbytery RECEIVE the Finance and Property Committee's Report (Report #60).

V. CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

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

Ellen & Al Smith, Mission Co-Workers for Eastern Europe & Russia

Clayton Cobb, Board of Pensions

Laurie Kraus, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

David Fletcher, Grace Presbytery,

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 updated commissioners about what is happening at the Ranch.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Moderator Kay announced that she had appointed the following commissioners to serve as the New Business Committee in case any new business was received. Any new business must be presented to the Stated Clerk by 11:45 a.m.:

MWS Richard Safford to chair

MWS Robyn Kleinschmidt

Elder Eric Sewell

Elder Gary Wright

Elder Abel McBride

Elder Lou Ann Johnson

Elder Tanya Blankinship

IX. COMMUNITY STORYTELLING

Moderator Kay introduced the theme for the meeting of “Our Story: Listening for God’s Word Among Us.” In addition to some storytellers that spoke to the presbytery, commissioners broke up into small groups and had the opportunity to share their stories with each other throughout the meeting.

X. FAITH SHARING – FIRST STORYTELLER

MWS Rick Carus shared his faith journey with the presbytery. Rick transferred from Minnesota Valleys Presbytery as an HR.

XI. INTRODUCTION AND COMMISSIONING OF THE YAVS – SECOND STORYTELLER

Albuquerque is the newest site for Young Adult Volunteers for PCUSA. The five YAVs (Audrey Taylor, Taylor Garrett, Claire Lewis, Bethany Przybocki and Ana Miller) were introduced and shared their stories and then were commissioned by Luke Rembold, YAV Coordinator, and Moderator Kay.

XII. COMMUNITY STORYTELLING

The Presbytery broke up into small groups for storytelling answering the questions: “When have you changed your mind? What or who led you to make that change? OR have you recently re-examined a belief you have held for a long time? What voices helped you through that process?”

The presbytery gathered again at 11:04 a.m.

XIII. SHARING FROM OUR PARTNERS

Clayton Cobb from the Board of Pensions updated the presbytery about changes in BOP.

XIV. COMMISSION ON MINISTRY

The Commission on Ministry report was received under the consent agenda. Co-chair Stephen Daniels highlighted the changes to minimum terms of call.

B. ACTIONS TAKEN UNDER AUTHORITY AS A COMMISSION

(No Presbytery Action Required)

1. NEW PASTORS RECEIVED AND/OR ORDAINED AND/OR INSTALLED:

a. In August, COM approved the plans for Dori Kay Hjalmarson’s ordination as Minister of Word and Sacrament, to be held at Las Placitas Presbyterian Church in Placitas, on August 27, 2017, at 2:00 PM, with clergy: Ken Cuthbertson, Takako Terino, David Martinez, and Kay Huggins, and Elders: George Huggins, ABQ, Second; and Chris Mink, Las Placitas; and five other identified clergy and four other elders, all from other presbyteries: MWS Leslie Vogel, Grand Canyon Presbytery; MWS Scott Clark, Redwoods; MWS Joanne Martindale, Redwoods; MWS Jessica Vaughan Lower, El Paso; MWS Eric Iversen, Transylvania; Eugenia Vogel, Wasatch, Utah; the Rev. John Barr, Nazarene, Heartland Hospice; the Rev. Carlos Zuniga, Iglesia de Dios, Hartland Hospice; Clare McEachin, Lexington, KY; with the Rev. Lorelei Kay to Moderate the Commission. Following COM approval and prior to the service, the Rev. Lorelei Kay invited the Rev. Tom Hart to serve as Moderator, which he did.

b. COM noted the change in approved plans: Bryan Beck served as Moderator of the Ordination Commission for Sarah Chivington-Buck, as Lorelei Kay was ill on that day.

c. In September COM approved the Bridge Pastor job description and contract between Farmington, First, and the Rev. Rebecca Morgan, a minister in the United Church of Christ (UCC), effective July 3, 2017:
\$2,000.00 per month plus mileage for approximately 20 hours per week, with one Sunday off (or three work days) per month. The approved job description includes her appointment as Moderator of Session.

d. In September COM approved the Interim Contract between ABQ Immanuel and the Rev. Brian Merritt, effective September 25, 2017:
\$30,000 cash salary, \$25,000 housing allowance; \$4,207.50 SECA allowance up to 50% of estimated obligation; \$18,572 Supplemental and medical insurance and Pension/IRA; \$1,161 Dental insurance; reimbursable by voucher: auto expenses at \$.535 per mile up to \$300.; business/professional expenses \$400.; Continuing ed: \$1250. Vacation: 2.5 days per month (4 weeks/year) and Continuing ed.: 1 day per month (2 weeks per year).

2. MEMBERS AT LARGE AND HONORABLY RETIRED MEMBERS RECEIVED

-In September, following examination by a COM committee, COM received into the Presbytery the Rev. Rick Carus, from the Presbytery of Minnesota Valleys; the Rev. Robert Bos, from the Presbytery of Lake Michigan; and the Rev. Christine Vogel, from the Presbytery of Chicago.

3. CONTRACTS APPROVED for Parish Associates and Stated Supply Pastors:

Parish Associates: In September COM concurred with the Session of ABQ, Second PC to release Jaime Quinones from their parish associate relationship, effective August 26, 2017.

Stated Supply:

In September COM approved the proposed contract between Farmington and the Rev. Rebecca Morgan, a UCC minister, for the Bridge pastor position, effective July 31, 2017, and noted that the Session would like to hire her as their Stated Supply.

4. CHANGE IN MINISTERIAL STATUS

a. In September COM approved the dissolution of the Designated Pastor relationship between the White Rock Presbyterian Church and the Rev. John Guthrie, effective September 24, 2017.

5. TRIENNIAL VISITS COMPLETED:

- Sandia: June 6

- Datil: June 11 and July 26, 2017

- Las Vegas: July 18, 2017

- Rio Rancho: September 12, 2017

6. EXAMINATIONS CONDUCTED:

a. In September COM received the report of the exit interview conducted September 1, 2017, with the Rev. John Guthrie.

7. APPROVED MISSION STATEMENTS (MIF's)

In September COM approved the Mission and Goals Statement for Farmington.

8. ADDITIONAL ACTIONS:

In August COM granted permission for Jaime Quiñones to labor outside the bounds of this presbytery for preaching opportunities in Lovington, NM.

In August, COM granted permission for Ann Graham-Johnson to celebrate Holy Communion at the August 12 meeting of Jicarita Cluster.

And in August COM granted permission for Susan Quass to celebrate Holy Communion as a part of her validated ministry position as Executive Director of the New Mexico Conference of Churches with her reporting to COM when that occurs.

In September COM granted permission for the Rev. Harry Johnson to labor within the bounds of this presbytery to celebrate a wedding on October 2, 2017.

In September COM approved adoption of a proposed CP contract worksheet.

8. FOR INFORMATION:

- In September COM added names to the Pulpit Supply list as follows: Christine Vogel, Santa Fe; Siobhan O'Connell-Croto, Las Vegas; and Rick Carus, Rio Rancho.

- In October COM noted the election of an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee by the congregation of ABQ Shepherd of the Valley and appointed a COM liaison to the APNC.

COM NOTES

IMPORTANT: COM adopted the following changes to the presbytery's minimum terms of call: 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

Monthly COM meetings include devotions led by an assigned member of COM and the celebration of anniversaries of ordination for clergy members of the Presbytery and the establishment of congregations!

The monthly meetings of COM regularly include training sessions. In recent months COM has heard/learned/discussed the topics related to pastoral succession led by Frank Yates and Stephen Rhoades in August, and in September and October, parts I and II of Lorna Kuyk's presentations and discussions of Building Trust.

COM ROSTER: Class year, name, RE for ruling elders; MWS for Ministers of Word and Sacrament; (1st or 2nd term).

Catherine Robinson and Stephen Daniels, co-Moderators

2017 Jim Brown MWS (1) Rob Craig MWS (1) Judith Mead RE (1)
Beth Miller RE (1:10/16) James E. Roghair MWS (2) Jane Stringfellow RE (2)
2018 Bryan Beck RE (1) Judy Belvin RE (1) Stephen Daniels CP (1)
Robyn Kleinschmidt MWS(1) Catherine Robinson MWS (2) Frank Yates MWS(1)
2019 Ann Graham-Johnson MWS (1) Lorna Kuyk MWS (2) Bill Lumm RE (2)
Susan Quass MWS (1) Jaime Quiñones (elected 2016) MWS John Sitler RE (1)
Linda Wilson RE (9/2017)

In September, 2017, Linda Wilson, RE, Belen, replaced Jaime Quiñones and Judy Belvin stepped into the position of co-moderator upon Catherine Robinson's resignation for health reasons related to her spouse.

XV. REPORT OF THE MODERATOR

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

Ruth Montoya (Second, ABQ) to chair

Class of 2020

GINNA BAIRBY (Taos, First)
DAVE KIRBY (Sandia, ABQ)
THOMAS LOYD (Covenant, ABQ)

Class of 2019

Lee Malmo (Rio Rancho)
Maribeth Culpepper (Aztec)
Ruth Montoya (Second, ABQ)

Class of 2018

Marty Bruner (La Mesa, ABQ)
Lou Ann Johnson (Laguna)
Jane Moses (First, ABQ)

XVI. COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION & PARTICIPATION

Chair, George Austin, presented the CORP report. There being no nominations from the floor, **the Presbytery APPROVED the following slate of nominees in bold.** Takako Terino was removed from the Commission on Preparation for Ministry since she is employed by the presbytery and thus not eligible to serve on a committee.

1. OFFICERS OF THE PRESBYTERY

Moderator (2018) Bryan Beck (RE) Albuquerque, Shepherd of the Valley
Moderator-Elect (2018) Jane Stringfellow, Santa Fe, First
Treasurer (2019) Bill Belvin (RE) Albuquerque, La Mesa
Stated Clerk (2019) Stephen Rhoades (RE), Albuquerque, First
Chairperson of the Coordinating Team and Past-Moderator (2018) Lorelei Kay (TE)
Gallup, Westminster

2. PRESBYTERY COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

COORDINATING TEAM (MOST POSITIONS HELD BECAUSE OF OFFICE)

Chairperson and Past Moderator (2018) Lorelei Kay (TE) Gallup, Westminster

Moderator (2018) Bryan Beck (RE) Albuquerque, Shepherd of the Valley

Moderator-Elect (2018) Jane Stringfellow, Santa Fe, First

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

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

COM Co-Chairs: Judy Belvin (RE) Albuquerque, La Mesa

David Elton (TE) Los Alamos, Los Alamos United

CPM Chair: Gay Veit (CRE) Mora, First

ENC Co-Chairs: LouAnn Johnson (RE) Laguna, United

Ted Mattie (TE) HR

MNC Chair: Rob Woodruff (TE) Albuquerque, Second

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

Kathy Westmoreland (TE) Rio Rancho, Rio Rancho

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

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

PW Attendee: Nancy Thomas (RE) Albuquerque, First

CAT Chair: George Huggins (RE) Albuquerque, Second

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY

Co-Chairs: Judy Belvin (RE) Albuquerque, La Mesa

David Elton (TE) Los Alamos, Los Alamos United

Class of 2020

Jim Brown (TE) HR

Rob Craig (TE) HR

David Elton (TE) Los Alamos, Los Alamos United

Kay Huggins (TE) HR

Judith Mead (RE) Albuquerque, First

Beth Miller (RE) Rio Rancho, Rio Rancho

Class of 2019

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

Bill Lumm (RE) Placitas, Las Placitas

Lorna Kuyk (TE) HR

Susan Quass (TE) Validated, New Mexico Conference of Churches

John Sitler (RE) Albuquerque, Immanuel

Linda Wilson (RE) Belen, First

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) Validated, U.S. Air Force Chaplain

Richard Safford (TE) Angel Fire, United

Frank Yates (TE) HR

COMMISSION ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

Chair: Gay Veit (CRE) Mora, First

Class of 2020

Sandy Bell (RE) Farmington, First

Norwood “Woody” Brown III (TE) Member-at-Large

Matthew Miller (TE) Albuquerque, First

Class of 2019

Marjorie Austin (RE) Rio Rancho, Rio Rancho

Ken Cuthbertson (TE) HR

Malissa Haslam (RE) Santa Fe, First

Ruth Montoya (RE) Albuquerque, Second

Gay Veit (CRE) Mora, First

Class of 2018

Lola Blackwell (RE) Albuquerque, Covenant
Linda Kirby (RE) Albuquerque, Sandia
Wayne Mell (TE) HR
~~Takako Terino (TE) Validated, Menaul School Chaplain~~

MISSION NETWORKING COMMITTEE

Chair: Rob Woodruff (TE) Albuquerque, Second

Class of 2020

Stephanie Kremmel (TE) (2020) Albuquerque, First
Beth Sewell (RE) Albuquerque, Shepherd of the Valley

Class of 2019

Lorelei Kay (TE) Gallup, Westminster
David Kirby (RE) Albuquerque, Sandia
Rob Woodruff (TE) Albuquerque, Second
Ciria Yela (RE) Albuquerque, Camino de Vida

Class of 2018

Antonio “Tony” Aja (TE) Santa Fe, Westminster
Randy Pence (TE) Datil, Datil Community Presbyterian
Susan Smith (RE) Albuquerque, First

EDUCATION NETWORKING COMMITTEE

Co-Chairs: LouAnn Johnson (RE) Laguna, United
Ted Mattie (TE) HR

Class of 2020

John Emerson (RE) Albuquerque, First
Jennifer Holmes (RE) White Rock
Art Romero (RE) Mora, First
Vernett Safford (RE) Angel Fire, United

Class of 2019

Judith Todd (TE) HR
Olga Joyce (Laity) Albuquerque, Second
Tanya Blankinship (RE) Albuquerque, Covenant
LouAnn Johnson (RE) Laguna, United

Class of 2018

Harry Eberts (TE) Santa Fe, First
Ted Mattie (TE) HR
Libby Whiteley (CCE) Albuquerque, First
Rick Carus (TE) HR

WORSHIP NETWORKING COMMITTEE

Co-Chairs: Karyl Lyne (RE) Las Vegas, First,
Kathy Westmoreland (TE) Rio Rancho, Rio Rancho

Class of 2020

Stephen Daniels (RE/CRE) Peñasco, Emmanuel
Jeffrey Pearson (TE) Albuquerque, Sandia
Shirley Sandoval (CRE) Chacon, El Rito

Class of 2019

Lisa Easterling (TE) Albuquerque, Validated, Chaplain
Lynn Gatewood (RE) Albuquerque, Second
Ruth Silva-Hernandez (Laity) 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

FINANCE & PROPERTY COMMITTEE

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

Class of 2020

Francis Chang (RE) Albuquerque, Second

Guillermo Yela (TE) Albuquerque, Camino de Vida

Class of 2019

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

Carolyn Rhodes (RE) Albuquerque, First

Class of 2018

Kathryn Rhoades (RE) Albuquerque, First

Debbie Steffen (RE) Albuquerque, St. Andrew

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

PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION

This committee picks its own chair

Class of 2023

Bob Bowersock (RE) Albuquerque, First

Marty Bruner (RE) Albuquerque, La Mesa

Class of 2021

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

Kay Huggins (TE) (2021) HR

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

Class of 2019

Jim Collie (TE) HR

Lorna Kuyk (TE) HR

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chair: Susan Keil Smith (RE) Albuquerque, First

Class of 2020

Jan Micali (RE) Albuquerque, Covenant

Judith Todd (TE) HR

Class of 2019

Nelson Capitan (RE) Laguna, United

Susan Keil Smith (RE) Albuquerque, First

Class of 2018

Randy Campbell (TE) HR

Toby Montoya (RE) Albuquerque, Second

COMMISSIONERS TO SYNOD OF THE SOUTHWEST

Class of 2019

Michele Goff (TE) Aztec, Aztec

Lou Ann Johnson, (RE) Laguna, United

Ed Katzenberger (TE) Member-at-Large

Class of 2018

Andrew Black (TE) Member-at-Large

Marty Bruner (RE) Albuquerque, La Mesa

Solema Newton (RE) Albuquerque, Second

GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMISSIONERS

MWS: Kathy Westmoreland, Rio Rancho, Rio Rancho

Alternate MWS: Takako Terino, Validated, Menaul School Chaplain

Elder: Judy Belvin, Albuquerque, La Mesa

Alternate Elder: Kathryn Rhoades, Albuquerque, First

Young Adult Advisory Delegate: Nicole Castellano Albuquerque, Second

Young Adult Advisory Delegate Alternate: Derek Capitan, Laguna, United

PRESBYTERY RELATIONSHIPS

LUTHERAN ADVOCACY MINISTRIES-NEW MEXICO

Class of 2018: Roger Scott Powers (TE) Albuquerque, St. Andrew

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

After several years with no Presbytery Personnel Committee, CORP has been able to recruit a full six members of this important committee, with two members being replaced each year.

This year CORP has involved chairs and co-chairs of commissions and committees in the selection of the new class of members to those commissions and committees.

CORP has examined the Presbytery's statistical information and has drawn a number of conclusions. Our members can be generally characterized as mostly older and mostly Anglo. The largest numbers of members we have are in the over-65 category. We have more female than male members. In terms of our ethnicity, CORP understands the need to diversify, but we also need those asked to serve to respond with a "yes." In general, the balances on Presbytery commissions and committees between clergy and laity and gender are good.

After reviewing the ethnic, gender, number of clergy, elders, disabled and youth statistics for congregations, sessions, boards of deacons, and the Statistics for Presbytery Committees, the following recommendations are made.

- We have made progress in recruiting younger members to our churches, both youth and young adults; however, 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.
- We encourage congregations and sessions to continue to increase participation of youth and disabled persons on Presbytery commissions and committees.
- We suggest that all Presbytery commissions and committees need to be sensitive and open to the diverse spiritual gifts that each individual can bring to our shared Presbytery ministry.
- We encourage all members of the Presbytery to consider serving on Presbytery commissions and committees and to communicate that interest 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.

XVII. REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK

Stated Clerk, Stephen Rhoades, gave the Stated Clerk report. Several items on the Stated Clerk were approved or received as part of the consent agenda earlier in the meeting.

St. Andrew, Albuquerque, moved that the presbytery concur with an overture from Mission Presbytery about Mental Health. (ATTACHMENT A) **Presbytery CONCURRED with the overture.**

The Stated Clerk presented for first reading an amendment to the Standing Rules about Public Statements. Discussion ensued.

The Stated Clerk also presented the editorial changes to Standing Rules and Bylaws that were approved by the presbytery with the Book of Order changes to Ordered Ministry Titles.

Presbytery **APPROVED granting Datil a waiver of Book of Order limitations on Elder’s Consecutive Terms.**

Presbytery APPROVED holding the July 2018 presbytery meeting at Emmanuel in Peñasco.

XVIII. FAITH SHARING – THIRD STORYTELLER

MWS Robert “Bob” Bos shared a portion of his faith journey with the Presbytery. Bob is a Chaplain with UNM Mariposa Pediatric Hospice. He transferred his membership from the Presbytery of Lake Michigan.

XIX. ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

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

The Presbytery recessed for lunch at 12:02 p.m. with a prayer by Moderator Lorelei Kay.

Moderator Lorelei Kay called the meeting back to order at 1:07 p.m. with prayer.

XX. ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS (CONTINUED)

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

XXI. FAITH SHARING – FOURTH STORYTELLER

MWS Christine Vogel shared a portion of her faith journey with the Presbytery. She transferred her membership from the Presbytery of Chicago as an HR.

XXII. COMMUNITY STORYTELLING (PART II)

The Presbytery again broke up into small groups for storytelling answering the questions: “Tell about a time you listened to God’s call OR describe a time God asked you to do something outside your comfort zone.”

XXIII. SCRIPTURE READING

Luke Rembold and the YAVs shared selected verses from Acts 9-10 about Paul on the road to Damascus.

XXIV. STEWARDSHIP TEAM

Bryan Beck thanked the presbytery for their generosity and congratulated the presbytery on 100% of our churches paying something towards their per capita.

XXV. OFFERING

Presbytery received an offering of \$1,810.91 for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

XXVI. FINANCE & PROPERTY

Finance & Property Chair Debbie Steffen announced that the 2016 audit is still being completed. The final audit should be at the February presbytery meeting.

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

Presbytery **APPROVED the 2018 Budget** (ATTACHMENT C).

XXVII. COORDINATING TEAM

Coordinating Team Chair Elizabeth Morgan presented the Covenant between the presbytery and Menaul School. Presbytery **APPROVED the covenant.** (ATTACHMENT D).

XXVIII. 150th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

Susan Smith from the 150th Anniversary Committee shared plans about celebrating the anniversary of the original Presbytery of Santa Fe in October. She shared quick facts about some of the churches in the presbytery.

XXIX. MISSION IN THE NORTH

Moderator Kay recognized the hard work done by so many in Mission in the North. This group disbursed funds from the sale of the Embudo Hospital to many community non-profit groups. They shared a slide presentation of some of the good works done with this money.

XXX. SHARING FROM OUR PARTNERS

Conrad Rocha shared news of the Synod of the Southwest.

XXXI. NEW BUSINESS

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

XXXII. FAITH SHARING – FIFTH STORYTELLER

MWS Rebecca Morgan is the interim pastor at Farmington First. She shared a portion of her faith journey with the Presbytery. Rebecca is a UCC pastor.

The presbytery recessed at 3:40 p.m. Presentations were done Saturday evening in the Agape Center by Laurie Kraus, from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and Al and Ellen Smith, mission co-workers in Eastern Europe and Russian. This was followed by a fellowship time for the presbytery in the Agape Center courtyard.

Morning vespers were offered at 7:00 a.m. outside the Agape Center by MWS Don Grauer, chaplain at Ghost Ranch.

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XXXIII. RECONVENE WITH PRAYER

The presbytery was reconvened at 9:05 a.m. with prayer by Moderator Lorelei Kay.

XXXIV. FAITH SHARING – SIXTH STORYTELLER

MWS Woody Brown shared his faith journey with the presbytery. Woody is a member-at-large and transferred from Heartland Presbytery.

XXXV. COMMUNITY STORYTELLING

The presbytery participate in a third round of storytelling talking about the future and what that vision looks like for the church.

There being no further business, the meeting recessed at 10:30 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, Bryan Beck, was installed. The meeting was adjourned at the giving of the benediction at worship.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Rhoades
Stated Clerk