



The Day After

General Assembly Commissioners and YAAD Elected

The Presbytery of the Pacific is entitled to send two elders, two ministers, and one young adult advisory delegate (YAAD) to the 219th General Assembly which will meet in Minneapolis, Minnesota, July 3-10, 2010. The Presbytery elected elder Gladdy Lou Ryder, of Westwood Presbyterian Church, and elder George Lynch, of West Hollywood Presbyterian Church, as its elder commissioners with elder Phil Dunn, of Malibu Presbyterian Church, to serve as alternate should Gladdy Lou or George be unable to serve. In an extremely close election, the Reverend Shin-Hwa Park, 2010 Vice-Moderator, and the Reverend Dr. Judy Cuthbertson, Pastor of St. Mark's Presbyterian Church of Lomita, were elected our minister commissioners, and the Reverends Timm Cyrus and Ann Hayman were elected as alternates should Shin-Hwa or Judy be unable to serve. Seventeen year old Benjamin Krauss of St. Luke's Presbyterian Church of Rolling Hills was elected as the Young Adult Advisory Delegate.

Moderator and Vice Moderator Installed

The Reverend Dr. Mark Brewer, Pastor of Bel Air Presbyterian Church, was installed as the Moderator of the Presbytery for the year 2010. The Reverend Dr. Harold E. Kidd, Presbytery's 2009 Moderator, opened the meeting and presided until the installation took place. During the passing of the Moderator's stole and cross from one to the other, Harold commented on how pleased he was to be passing the baton over to Mark. The Reverend Shin-Hwa Park was installed as Vice-Moderator, and Dr. Kidd will assume the role of Chair of the General Mission Council from elder Sandra Mader who completed her cycle as vice moderator, moderator, and chair of council. In appreciation for his service as moderator, Harold received a standing ovation, a plaque expressing the Presbytery's appreciation, and a replica of the Moderator's cross.

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summarizes some of what went on at our Presbytery meetings.

The minutes continue to be the official record of the meetings, but **The Day After** will provide a tool for sharing and reporting what happened. The Presbytery's website is another source of information about Presbytery meetings and other Presbytery events and activities.

A Proposal was Presented and Reactions Collected

The Reverend Dan Chun, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Honolulu, presented a power point presentation outlining a proposal developed by three churches in the Presbytery. The proposal was not presented for vote at this meeting, but was shared in order to begin conversations and collecting feedback. Everyone in attendance was invited to participate in a small group to generate input to the General Mission Council on the proposal. Twenty-two groups met throughout the Gardena facilities to generate questions, concerns, and possibilities if the proposal were adopted. The input will be digested by the Council and plans for further processing of the proposal will be designed. The proposal asks the Presbytery of the Pacific to

conduct an experiment on how it might work to have a group of churches aligned on a theological basis rather than a geographic basis as is the current situation. The proposal suggests that an administrative commission be established and given the powers to manage the Committee on Ministry, Committee on Preparation for Ministry, and Judicial Commission business for certain specified churches. The churches that choose to be aligned with this experimental “mission unit” would still be a part of the Presbytery of the Pacific, but would function, in some ways, as if they were in a separate presbytery. At some point, the Presbytery will decide whether or not it wishes to engage in the experiment.

Breakfast was Served

Due to the volume and nature of business before the Presbytery, this meeting was convened at 8:00 a.m. and breakfast was served instead of the usual lunch time meal at a Saturday meeting of Presbytery. In addition to the usual breakfast choices of eggs, potatoes, bacon, and pastries, healthy food choices, like scrambled egg beaters, fruit, and oatmeal. For two years in a row, now, the January meeting has proven to be so full of business that having breakfast instead of lunch has been helpful in getting people on to their other Saturday activities.

Inquirers Advanced to Candidacy

Three Inquirers under the care of the Presbytery were advanced to candidate status. Ms. Andrea Rock, a member of Pacific Palisades P. C., Mr. James Mitchell, a member of Hollywood First P.C., and Mr. Brian Symonds, a member of Immanuel P.C., spoke about their faith, Christian service, and motivation for preparing for ministry. Following the vote to advance them to candidacy, each answered the Constitutional questions affirmatively and all were surrounded by friends and supporters as prayers were offered for their continued growth and development.

Overture Declined

Several churches of the Presbytery put forth an overture to the General Assembly to change the Book of Order to allow the creation of Non-geographic presbyteries on wider grounds than are currently possible. After lively debate on the pros and cons of such a change to our Constitution, the Presbytery declined to send the overture to the 2010 General Assembly.

Commissioned Lay Pastor Renewed

Elder Roy C. Brooks was renewed as a Commissioned Lay Pastor (CLP) for Bel-Vue P.C. Mr. Brooks has served several terms in this capacity and now commissioned for another three years.

Ordinations to Take Place

The Presbytery of San Gabriel also met on Saturday and had on its agenda the examination of Ms. Rebecca Moran, a candidate from this Presbytery, for ordination as associate pastor for Calvary P.C. of South Pasadena. San Gabriel Presbytery has asked that this Presbytery ordain Ms. Moran on its behalf. The ordination for Rebecca is set for February 6, 2010, at 3:00 p.m. at her home church, St. Peter's By the Sea.

Stated Clerk/Associate General Presbyter Search Committee Elected

Stated Clerk and Associate General Presbyter Steve Smith informed the General Mission Council that when his term ends May 31, 2010, he plans to retire. Steve served as interim clerk in 2005 and then was elected to the combined positions in 2006. The GMC proposed a search committee to the Presbytery and the Presbytery elected elder William Baxa, elder Elizabeth Hicks, the Reverend Shelby Larsen, the Reverend Neal Neuenschwander, and the Reverend David Worth to the search committee.

Other Business Conducted by the Presbytery

- Received the report that the Interim Pastor relationship between Union Church of Los Angeles and the Reverend Masaya Hibino was renewed.
- Received the report that the Stated Supply Pastor relationship between the First P.C. of Gardena and the Reverend Donna Lee Merz was renewed.
- Received the report that the ministry of Micka Moto-Sanchez was validated with Roze Room Hospice.
- The formula for setting the number of elder commissioners from each church was approved.
- The corporate officers were confirmed:

President	Tom Fleming
Vice President	David Steele
Secretary	Shelby Larsen
Treasurer	Paul Nibarger

YOUTH TRIENNIUM 2010

Estimates Needed!

July 20-24

Please contact Kathy Porter if your church expects to send young people to the Youth Triennium. Travel arrangements need to be made soon and it will help in planning to know if we will have our usual size delegation. Do it soon to help the planning.

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