

May 21st Presbytery Meeting Highlights

from the Stated Clerk, the Rev. Jerilyn (Jeri) Viera Dahlke

these are only some of the actions taken and are not the minutes of the meeting

- approved a number of items via the Consent Agenda including two pastoral changes:
 - the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between MWS Beth Hoyt and the Red Bluff PC
 - the transfer of MWS Lewis Rooker to the Presbytery of the Redwoods
- commissioned to the 225th General Assembly (see GA article for more info)
 - RE Alice Sundquist (Celtic Cross PC) and
 - MWS Mike Umbenhaur (Woodland PC) as commissioners
 - Emily Martin (Faith PC) as Young Adult Advisory Delegate
- welcomed into the presbytery MWS Tony Stiff (pending official transfer from the Presbytery of Grand Canyon) who spoke briefly about his faith journey
- acknowledged some milestones for three pastors:
 - Grace Suwabe (First, Marysville) upon completing her doctorate,
 - Steve Netniss (Grace, Lodi) upon his recent marriage and
 - Bob Fernandez who recently celebrated his 90th birthday
- continuing our focus on spiritual practices, MWS Wes Nordman (Westminster, Sac) led us in our understanding of Sabbath by addressing our need to rest our minds; following a time of centering prayer, breakout groups were encouraged to reflect together on their experiences
- approved conveyance of some parcels that had been held in the Stockton Presbytery's name to the church in Tracy
- held several elections thanks to the work of the Nominating Committee...
 - for a 2nd term
 - MWS Doug Abel (At Large), Synod Commissioner
 - for unfulfilled terms
 - MWS Jim Stochl (Harvest, Ceres), Finance
 - RE Lynda Mendoza (First, Tracy), Finance
 - MWS Philip Trinh (Grace Community, Sac), Council—At Large
 - MWS Sara Tillema (Zephyr Point), Committee on Preparation
 - for 1st terms
 - MWS Laura Barnes (Federated, Placerville), Personnel
 - MWS Melissa Tidwell (Trinity, Stockton), Synod Commissioner
 - MWS Jeff Chapman (Faith, Sac.), Committee on Preparation
 - RE Candace Peterson (First, Turlock), Permanent Judicial Commission
 - for Vice Moderator/Moderator/Chair of Council
 - MWS Aart van Beek, Honorably Retired
- prayerfully installed Aart van Beek as Vice Moderator
- elected Council's nominee, RE Chuck Lauron (Trinity, Stockton), Nominating Committee
- heard from Council Chair, MWS Joshua Trautmann (Geneva, Modesto) about:
 - the Fund Distribution Task Force's desire to hear from the churches—questionnaire going out in June
 - now have regular communication via newsletters and web site upgrade is next
- recognized and gave thanks to God for Claire Pisor's 16+ years of service as Recording Clerk and Interim Stated Clerk
- heard MWS Melissa Tidwell's (Trinity, Stockton) inspiring story of gracious welcome at a gathering of God's people

- invited to consider what God is calling us to be and do and to encourage our faith communities to take time this summer to answer the questionnaire that will be sent in June
- prayed for one fourth of our faith communities
- encouraged to identify one or two presbytery values to focus on in our service to our worshipping community and neighborhoods

Like any worship service, the Spirit's work is more than the sum of the parts! Thanks be to God!