THE DAY AFTER

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The day after **THE DAY AFTER** summarizes some of what went on at our Presbytery meetings. The minutes, obviously, will 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 (www.pacificpresbytery.org) is another source of information about Presbytery meetings and other Presbytery events and activities, as well as the place to receive meet materials.

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AROUND AND AROUND IT GOES AND WHERE IT STOPS THE SPIRIT FLOWS

The tumbler went around and around mixing up the blue and white ping pong balls used to match ministers of the Presbytery with the congregation and worship service where they will preach on September 23rd. Thirty-four churches will be participating in the Pulpit Exchange providing opportunities for 43 ministers to preach for a different congregation than usual. There was a loud reaction when the Reverend Bill Wood, who preached last year at Christ Church Uniting Disciples and Presbyterian, in Kailua, Hawaii, was drawn as the preacher for Korean Presbyterian Church of Honolulu. It was quickly determined that, in spite Bill's lucky draw, Jesus really wanted Bill to preach on the mainland this year. Moderator Care Crawford will be preaching at Honolulu Korean and Bill will preach at Fuente De Vida on the 23rd.

FRANK GIPSON WELCOMED TO THE PRESBYTERY

The Reverend Dr. Frank Gipson was received in to the membership of the Presbytery. Dr. Gipson began service as the pastor of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church on June 1st of this year. He will be installed to this position in late September or early October.

CO-HOSTS HOST A GREAT MEETING

Wilshire Presbyterian Church and Church of Peace did a great job of hosting the July meeting. The two pastors, Chuck Robertson and Kee Dae Kim, presided over the celebration of the Lord's Supper and modeled the sharing of responsibilities throughout the meeting. The Church of Peace musicians, some in traditional Korean dress, led the singing of some of the hymns which appear in our Hymnal in both Korean and English. The singing was so lively and the leadership so energetic that one drummers beat a whole in his drum. Wilshire quartet provided the special music for other parts of the meeting.

WHO'S IN THE HOUSE

Ask your Presbytery commissioners, your pastor, or your Youth Triennium participants to demonstrate the "warm-up activity" Kathy Porter led. She taught us the moves, then started the music and led us in acting out the message. Everyone from the Presbytery Moderator, to the youth, to the stodgy old minister in the back row were digging and moving to the music to both ask the question, "Who's in the House," and to answer it, "JC" is.

YOUTH TRIENNIUM

Kathy's warm-up was part of the Presbytery celebrating and commissioning the 23 participants from our Presbytery who will be spending time with youth from all over the country, about 6,000 of them, at the every three year gathering of youth called Youth Triennium. The young people met in small groups with three or four presbyters who agreed to pray for them and for the gathering, and to send them a postcard to remind them of the Presbytery's support. Each of the young people was also given a gift bag of helpful travel items as well as sustenance for the journey (read munchies and snacks.).

DON COLEMAN ORDINATION

The Presbytery received word that Donald Coleman, a member of Bel Air Presbyterian Church and a candidate certified ready to receive a call under the care of this Presbytery, has received a call to serve a church in Ohio as associate pastor. At the request of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley, the Presbytery approved an administrative commission to ordain Don at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 22, 2007, at Bel Air Presbyterian Church.

BUILDING THE CHURCH

Two of our new church development pastors, the Reverend Fabio Olivares and the Reverend Bertram Wang, responded to the scripture lesson in Acts 13:1-3. Fabio is the organizing pastor for an Hispanic new church development in Wilmington, and he pointed out how they hope to double their membership by each member inviting one new person during the course of the year. [Not a bad growth strategy for every congregation.] Bertram is the organizing pastor for South Bay Cornerstone new church development, and he indicated Cornerstone hopes to charter in 2008, the 40th anniversary year of the Presbytery. Both spoke about the challenges before them and the need for continuous prayer support from the other churches of the Presbytery.

TRAVEL PLANS ANNOUNCED FOR A TRIP TO NICARAGUA TO MEET OUR PARTNERSHIP COMMUNITY

The Presbytery has applied to work with a community in Nicaragua and a trip is planned to meet our partners to begin the discussion of how we work together. The trip will be January 22-31, 2008, to Managua, Nicaragua. The application deadline is September 4, 2007. The application is on the Presbytery's website.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD CELEBRATED

General Presbyter Linda Culbertson interviewed some of the participants in the Habitat For Humanity youth build which took place at the end of June. Youth from several of our churches worked together to prefab some walls for use when the actual houses are built and to build play houses for the kids that will occupy the new homes . Various churches of the Presbytery provided meals for the workers and many ministers visited the work site to offer the blessing for the donated meals and to see the work first hand. Commissioners were encouraged to help their churches to participate next when the same event will take place June 23-26, 2008.

OTHER BUSINESS CONDUCTED BY THE PRESBYTERY

- Approved the report of the review of session minutes for many of the churches of the Presbytery.
- Received the report of the Committee on Representation which indicated a need to specifically recruit people in the age range of 26-35 or Presbytery service.
- Committee on Ministry reported dismissing the Reverend Cynthia Pierce to the Presbytery of San Gabriel.
- The Designated Associate Pastor relationship between Charles Suhayda and Hollywood First P.C. was renewed for 3 years.
- Renewed Hollywood First's Interim Pastor relationship with Gary Stratman for another 12 months.
- Renewed Calvay Hawthorne's Interim Pastor relationship with Bruce Calkins for another 6 months.
- Dissolved the pastoral relationship between the Reverend Dr. Frank Portee, III, and Church of the Redeemer effective June 30, 2007, and dismissed Dr. Portee to the United Methodist Church so can pastor a church in New Jersey.
- Dissolved the pastoral relationship between the Reverend Howard Dotson and Palms Westminster P.C. effective June 30, 2007.
- Approved the invitation of St. Peter's By the Sea to the Reverend David Lutz to serve as part-time Interim Associate Pastor beginning June 1, 2007.
- Approve the designation of the Reverend Howard Kim as Stated Supply Pastor for Korean P.C. of South Bay.
- Approved the transfer of the Covenant relationship between the Presbytery and candidate Robert Griffin.