THE DAY AFTER

PRESBYTERY OF THE PACIFIC

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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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PRESBYTERY INSTALLS TWO TO NEW OLD POSITIONS

Usually the Presbytery designates administrative commissions to install ministers on its behalf. This time, the Presbytery did the installations itself. The Reverend Stephen Baroldy was installed as the Pastor of Christ Presbyterian Church of Hollywood (Stephen was previously a designated pastor), and the Reverend Andrew Eagles was installed as the Associate Pastor of Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church (Andrew was previously a designated associate pastor). In checking the Presbytery's knowledge of these ministers who were both ordained by this presbytery, presbyters were asked to indicate which of the two did the following: 1) set off the security alarm during an interview, 2) got lost between the chapel funeral service and the graveside committal during a funeral, 3) was asked to conduct a funeral service wearing an Hawaiian shirt, and 4) worked a particular elder's name into a sermon when he noticed the elder falling asleep. (*answers on back page*)

LISA NELSON, MICKA MOTO-SANCHEZ, AND REBECCA CERLING ADVANCED TO CANDIDACY

Lisa (Chan) Nelson is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Honolulu and a student at Fuller Theological Seminary. Lisa went to Hawaii to work with dolphins and found that God was calling her in a different direction. She was enrolled as an inquirer in July of 2004.

Milla Micka Moto-Sanchez is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood and a student at Fuller Theological Seminary. Micka first encountered Jesus through the movie, "The Greatest Story Ever Told," and has explored many areas of service and faith communities to find where she feels God has been calling her. She was enrolled as an inquirer in April of 2006.

Rebecca King Cerling is a member of Brentwood Presbyterian Church and a recent graduate of Fuller Theological Seminary. Rebecca is going to work toward a Ph.D. in children's history, but is looking forward to the role of "pastor mom."

Over the past several months, the Preparation for Ministry Committee (CPM) interviewed each of these Inquirers and determined with them that they were ready to take the next steps in their preparation to become ministers of Word and Sacrament. Presbytery received a copy of the statement of Faith, Motivation, and Service for each Inquirer and had the opportunity to ask questions about the statement and about their developing sense of call to ministry. Following a separate period of questioning for each, the Presbytery VOTED to advance Lisa, Micka, and Rebecca to the candidacy phase of preparing to become ministers. The Reverend Charles Svendsen prayed for each new candidate after they answered the Constitutional question in the affirmative.

SUPPORT OF THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION

The Reverend Don Barnes reported on the Theological Education Fund and presented certificates of appreciation to the churches that contributed to the fund in 2006. Many churches have a long history of supporting the Fund. 2007 participation was encouraged.

PRESBYTERY OVERTURES GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO TIGHTEN FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY

The General Mission Council presented an overture to General Assembly asking that the Book of Order include tighter financial accountability language. The Presbytery debated for sometime the specifics of the language and eventually approved an amended overture. There seemed to be general consensus in the desire to promote accountability, and somewhat less consensus on the best way to do that.

PRE-PRESBYTERY EVENTS

The Pastor Nurture Subcommittee of the Committee on Ministry began its efforts to provide interesting and helpful information events prior to the start of some of our presbytery meetings. The Reverend Peggy Krong, Associate Pastor of Westwood P.C., presented a program called, "Musings from the Monastery." Since 2004, Peggy has participated in a program, funded by the Lilly Endowment, which included faith dialogue, spiritual direction, small group work, seminars on spiritual leadership led by noted women of faith, and recreation. Another group is being formed and Peggy commends the program highly. See her for details. Another pre-presbytery event is planned for the September meeting. Watch for details.

2007 GENERAL MISSION BUDGET APPROVED

The Presbytery adopted a 2007 General Mission Budget of $501,660. The budget calls for a draw on reserves mostly to provide funds for a "Mission Development Committee" which will begin to work on raising additional money for the mission work of the Presbytery. It is the hope of the General Mission Council that this committee will help the Presbytery and its churches have more money available to do the work God is calling them to do.

KATRINA RESPONSE CONTINUES

The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program arranged for 5 ministers to travel to New Orleans to preach and celebrate the sacraments on Easter Sunday. Four of the five are current members of the Presbytery of the Pacific: Catherine Hughes, Laura Krauss, Diane Kenney, and Calvin Moore. The fifth minister turned out to be Rebecca King Harrison a former member of this presbytery. Catherine Hughes delivered the sermon at the meeting which included insights and reactions to sharing with brothers and sisters in the faith.

OTHER BUSINESS CONDUCTED BY THE PRESBYTERY

- Don Smith's ministry with Angel Interfaith Network was validated.
- The Committee on Ministry reported approval of St. Paul's call to the Reverend Dr. Frank L. Gipson
- Committee on Ministry report approval of the sabbatical leave of the Rev. Timm Cyrus from June 1, 2007, to August 31, 2007.
- The Designated Associate Pastor relationship between Roché Vermaak and Brentwood P.C. was renewed for 4 years.
- Renewed Brentwood's Interim Pastor relationship with Charles Svendsen for another 12 months.
- Approved Honolulu First's call to David C. Stoker to serve as Associate Pastor starting July 31, 2007.
- Approved Honolulu First's call to Drew R. Hulse to serve as Associate Pastor starting July 1, 2007.
- Approved Covenant P.C.'s invitation to Thomas Eggebeen to serve as Interim Pastor starting August 1, 2007
- Dissolved Iglesia Presbiteriana Agape to facilitate starting a new church development in Wilmington.
- Heard about the Youth build for Habitat For Humanity this summer.
- Answers: 1) Andrew, 2) Stephen, 3) Stephen, 4) Andrew