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.

SEPT. 12, 2007

PRESBYTERY LEADERSHIP FOR 2008 ELECTED.

Elder Sandra Mader, a member of First P. C. Hollywood, as elected Presbytery Moderator for 2008. The Reverend Harold Kidd, pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Inglewood, was elected 2008 Vice-Moderator, and the Reverend Care Crawford Chair of the General Mission Council for that year.

PRESBYTERY PLANS TO RECEIVE A NEW CHURCH

Presbytery approved an overture to the Synod of Southern California and Hawaii to approve the transfer of Faith Presbyterian Church of Torrance from Hanmi Presbytery to the Presbytery of the Pacific effective January 1, 2009. In order for the transfer to take place, Hanmi must also approve and request Synod approval and the General Assembly must approve. There are still many details to be worked out, but this action was necessary to meet the requirement of having Synod and General Assembly approval.

FIVE IN AND THREE OUT

The Reverend Dr. **Drew R. Hulse** was received into the membership of the Presbytery. Dr. Hulse has been called to the First Presbyterian Church of Honolulu to serve as associate pastor for youth and started work July 1, 2007. Drew comes to us from the Presbytery of Cascades.

The Reverend Dr. **David C. Stoker** was received into the membership of the Presbytery. Dr. Stoker has been called to the First Presbyterian Church of Honolulu to serve as executive pastor and started work August 1, 2007. David comes to us from the Presbytery of Western North Carolina.

David and Drew will be installed on September 30th and the Presbytery Moderator, Care Crawford will lead the administrative commission to do the installing on Presbytery's behalf.

The Reverend **Thomas Eggebeen** was received into the membership of the Presbytery. Tom is the Interim Pastor for Covenant Presbyterian Church and started at Covenant on August 1, 2007. Tom comes to us from the Presbytery of Mackinac.

The Reverend **Mary Paik** was received into the membership of the Presbytery. Mary is living in Hawaii and is currently serving with her husband, Dwight Morita, to fill in for Buddy Summers who is on Renewal Leave from Christ Church Uniting Disciples and Presbyterian, Kailua, Hawaii. Mary comes to us from the Presbytery of Chicago.

The Reverend **Grace Park** was received into the membership of the Presbytery. Grace is a member of Hanmi Presbytery but was a member of Immanuel before seeking ordination. Grace has been parenting four children who now have reached school age and thus giving her a little time for ministry.

The Reverend **Chineta Goodjoin**, formerly associate pastor of Knox Presbyterian Church, is leaving the Presbytery. Chineta has accepted the invitation of the Presbytery of Los Ranchos to serve as a new church development pastor for that Presbytery.

The almost Reverend **Pamela Lupfer** has been called as the Designated Pastor, part-time, for the Cental Presbyterian Church of Haverstraw, New York. Pamela was examined and approved by the Presbytery for ordination. Her ordination service will be Sunday, September 16, 2007, at 4:00 p.m. at St. Luke's Presbyterian Church. Following ordination, Pam will be transferred to the Presbytery of Hudson River.

The Reverend **James Miller**, associate pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Honolulu, has accepted a call to be the Pastor of Glenkirk Presbyterian Church , Glendora, California, beginning November 1, 2007.

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BUDGET APPROVED AND PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT SET AND THEN SOME

Presbytery approved a 2008 Ecclesiastical Budget of $541,151.68 which will be funded by a per capita apportionment of $32.00. This amount includes $2.60 for the Synod and $5.79 for the General Assembly.

AND THEN. . .

Presbytery approved an addition $1.00 per member to fund the Presbytery meeting in Hawaii on May 17, 2007. So each session is asked to contribute a total of $33.00 for each member on the rolls at the end of 2006. The extra $1.00 is a special apportionment rather than per capita apportionment so that the $1.00 is not permanently added to per capita, but will help insure that at least one elder from each church is able to attend the meeting in Hawaii.

MISSION DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE

The GMC reported on the creation of a Mission Development Task Force to serve the churches in our Presbytery by helping them increase their capacity in the areas of stewardship and fund development. The Task Force is composed of the members of the Presbytery with significant experience in the area of fund raising and/or financial management. They are: George Abdo, Jan Doak, Jim Rea, Kikanza Nuri Robins, and Vahe Simonian.

DRAMATIC CHANGE IN PROCEDURES

The General Mission Council (GMC) proposed and the Presbytery approved the elimination of the Governing Body, Polity and Records Committee. The GMC plan is to annually appoint an administrative commission to conduct the review which seems an effective and efficient way to carry out the Presbytery's responsibilities.

NOMINATING TO BECOME A LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

In addition to nominating people for Presbytery to consider electing to various position of leadership, this committee will develop plans for recruiting and training people for leadership roles in the Presbytery. It is hoped this new style will help grow leaders for both the Presbytery and the congregations of the Presbytery.

ELIMINATED BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

The Presbytery, on the recommendation of the GMC, eliminated two other committees as well; the Council on Campus Ministry and the Archives and History Committee. Campus ministry is still very important to the Presbytery, but other means have been utilized for promoting and supporting it. In some cases, it is congregations that are carrying the banner for campus ministry. In others, we are working with partner churches in cooperative efforts. The clerk or stated clerk of governing bodies is responsible for preserving the records of that governing body. It was felt that historians and/or writers could be recruited when a written history is required.

SIZE MATTERS

Again, at the recommendation of the GMC, the Presbytery reduced the size of several committees. It was explained that the reality was that most committee were functioning with reduced membership either because vacancies were not filled, or elected members were not participating. It is hoped that the new focus of the Nominating Committee becoming a Leadership Development Committee is that people will be elected to positions for which they have strong interest and a desire to participate. As members are better prepared to serve, they will be more effective in that service.

OTHER BUSINESS CONDUCTED BY THE PRESBYTERY

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- Committee on Ministry reported that Reverend Dr. Elias Dantas has left Bel Air to serve as the Director of the Doctoral Program at Alliance Seminary in Nyak, New York.
- Committee on Ministry reported dismissing the Reverend Jennifer L. Blake to the Presbytery of San Diego.
- The Designated Associate Pastor relationship between Kimberly Dorr and Bel Air P.C. was revised from a 2 year term to a 3 year term.
- Membership was elected to many Presbytery Committees.
- The deadline for registering for the January Nicaragua trip was extended.