



Grand Canyon Presbytery 2019 Annual Report

Presbytery Highlights

Highlights in 2019

- Welcomed 7 new pastors
- Ordained 2 new pastors
- Celebrated retirement of 1 Pastor
- Enrolled 1 New Commissioned Ruling Elder
- Celebrated the lives of:

Robert Clark

Robert Dulaney

Robert Martz

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January

The Presbytery held its 2019 Stated Annual meeting jointly with Presbytery de Cristo at First Presbyterian Church in Mesa. Those attending were invited to participate in one of six Open Space group discussions. Members of committees and commissions, as well as Corporation officers, were elected and voting took place on a number of amendments passed by the 223rd General Assembly. Carol Gerlach was installed as Moderator and outgoing Moderator Judy Wellington was recognized for her service.

March

The March Stated meeting was held at First Presbyterian Church in Sun City. Candidate Mike Hegeman of Pinnacle Presbyterian was examined and approved for ordination as a Teaching Elder. Twenty-three young people from our churches were commissioned to represent the Presbytery at Youth Triennium. Presbyters again enjoyed attending an Open Space group discussion of their choice.

August (THE BIG EVENT)

The August combined Stated meeting of Grand Canyon and de Cristo was hosted by Mission del Sol. Nearly 200 attended this "Big Event" and enjoyed fellowship during lunch and the 25 enriching workshop options. The \$1,800 offering collected during the worship service benefited Frontera de Cristo and the Matthew 25 ministry.



November

The November Stated meeting was held at Trinity Presbyterian in Prescott. Candidate Chris Woodard of Valley Presbyterian was examined and approved for ordination as a Teaching Elder. Teaching Elders Ann Conklin and José Olagues and Ruling Elders Alan Hale and Cheryl Williams were elected as commissioners to the 224th General Assembly, along with Jason Knorr as Young Adult Advisory Delegate. Joan Fenton of Palo Cristi was presented with the annual George Brooks award.

Message from the Moderator

I had never imagined being Moderator of the Presbytery. Now that my term is over, I'm wondering where it went. Like being a GA Commissioner and I learned so much about our denomination – how it works - I learned more being a Presbytery Moderator. It's one thing to attend meetings but another thing entirely when you are leading those meetings. It was my great pleasure to have installed and ordained and installed pastors at four churches this past year. The presbytery staff was always there for me, which was much appreciated. My year as Moderator may be over, but my service to the church is not.

In Partnership, Carol Gerlach

Presbytery of
Grand Canyon
had 147
Teaching Elders
in 2019,
including 85
Honorably
Retired pastors

In 2019, 7900
Presbyterians
worked and
worshipped in
55 churches in
our Presbytery



Commission on Ministry

The goal of COM continues to be: to work hand-in-hand with our congregations as they face pastoral changes, determine terms of call, are equipped with skilled leadership, strive to be alive in diverse ministries exhibiting the spirit of Christ, and guide churches through conflict or encounter challenges. This is done through its 27 members, teaching and ruling elders, who work in clusters, with each congregation having a liaison connecting them with the commission.



During 2019 we welcomed the following new members: Pastors Susan Marie Baskette and Jonathan Scanlon; Interim Robert Leivers; members at large Phillip Million, Jeffrey Baxter, Andrew Yoo, and Angus Gascoigne. Terry Palmer was honorably retired, and we lost 9 members due to transfer other presbyteries. We also lost Robert Martz, Robert Dulaney and Robert Clark as they completed their terrestrial

phase and moved to eternal life.

Our Thrive program continues attracting congregations, and the Reconciliation Team continues its work to assist as needed. José Olagues served as moderator and Cecil Patterson will be moderator in 2020.



Blessings, José Olagues

Congregational Resourcing

CRT hosted 4 Leadership Training Workshops. Two for Grant Writing, Officer Training, and a Conflict Management Workshop.

CRT was able to fund 15 grants, totaling \$76,740. We had a total of \$222,606 in requests this year!

Our 2 New Worshiping Communities are thriving.

First Light Fellowship in Anthem, led by Revs. Kristin & Brandon Willett has grown its ministry both in Sunday worship & in the community.

The Evangelical Arabic Church (EAC), led by Rev. Estawri Khjeek, are growing their presence in the Middle Eastern refugee community.

We have working hard to start informing Presbytery members about what their mission dollars go towards.



Look for us at each Presbytery meeting for more information!

Many Blessings, Shannon Langston, Chair



The Peace and Justice Network had a busy year. We published 10 articles on a range of justice issues. We began collaboration with the Christian Native Network (Grand Canyon) on the issue of addiction.

We sponsored two workshops at the Big Event on farm worker issues and on hunger. We hosted International Peacemaker Thang Van Lian from Myanmar in late September.

We issued two Cents-Ability grants and are working to increase awareness and to re-establish the position of Hunger Action Enabler.



In November, we awarded the George Brooks award to Joan Fenton for her work in educating about domestic violence and its prevention.

Peace, Phebe Packer, Chair

Preparation for Ministry

The Commission on Preparation for Ministry continues to serve members discerning the possibility of ministry in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). As of January 9, 2020, we have 3 candidates, 2 inquirers and 3 applicants for Commissioned Ruling Elder under care.



Two candidates under our care at the start of 2019 have completed the process and have been ordained by our Presbytery. The Rev. Michael Hegeman now serves at Pinnacle Presbyterian Church and the Rev. Chris Woodard now serves at Valley Presbyterian Church.

Jim Hershauer, Moderator



Montlure

In 2019, Montlure experienced another increase in both Overnight and Traveling Day Camp registrations. Over 100 volunteers partnered with our 12 summer staff to bring the Good News to campers. Please see our Impact Report for more details! http://bit.ly/2019_Impact_Report

We are grateful for the support of our families, alumni, and churches. If you are interested in hearing about the progress of our mission, ministry, and updates on Greer, please contact us: Camp@Montlure.org.



2020 Camp Registration opened
Jan 1: Montlure.CampBrainRegistration.com
Details: Montlure.org

Kellie Von Borstel, Camp Director

Operations

Nominating – It continues to be hard to fill all of the slots to staff the various committees and commissions. We suspect that this is not so much because there are not enough people, but because we are not on the radar of enough people. If you serve on a committee already, awesome! It would be even more awesome if you would give us a few names of folk in your church who might be good candidates.



Personnel – We manage this function in a joint effort with de Cristo. We have done personnel evaluations and recommended raises in 2019, we have overseen some changes in staff, and we are in continuing conversation with de Cristo about our partnership going forward.

Overtures – This will be a General Assembly year. We want to remind the Presbytery that by policy, the default action on concurring with overtures will be no action. All that has to happen to have the Presbytery act to concur or not concur is to have one member of the Presbytery bring the overture to the Operations Committee. If you have an area of passion surrounding an overture to GA, make sure to bring it to our attention at revkenpage@gmail.com.

Representation – The Operations Committee pays attention to Grand Canyon's diversity and representation in areas such as race, disabilities, gender, and place on the theological spectrum. The committee has been studying together the Confessions, the Foundations of Presbyterian Polity, and the distinctives of the reformed faith, with an eye towards understanding and honoring both the core of Presbyterianism and the diversity we have in our presbytery. We endeavor to have this diversity represented in the committees and the life of our presbytery.

Ken Page, Chair



From the Presbytery Pastor, Brad Munroe



Our 2018 General Assembly overture seeking an assessment of all Native American properties led us to embark on surveying our churches. With the extraordinary help of Clyde and Janie Parks, Norma McCabe and Martha Sadongei, our 28 Native churches have been assessed. There is both need and opportunity. We now have a clearer sense of where to prioritize our efforts. Throughout 2019 and into 2020 we have worked and are working with Central, Fort Defiance, Kayenta, and Tseyi Bidaa. In addition, Ed Spence and the folks at Presbyterian Disaster Assistance continue efforts to help First Sacaton with clean-up from a fire and plans for a memorial. To me the most important effect of the overture seems to be the renaissance in church partnerships between majority and Native congregations. We are one in Christ Jesus, so let us keep the faith as we do ministry and mission together!

Brad Munroe



Presbyterian Women of Grand Canyon



The spring gathering in March, 2019 was led by Rev. Amy Poling Sutherland at Emmanuel Presbytery Church, Phoenix. The theme was "Grace: All You Need" about her Horizon Bible Study. Our offering raised \$1,000 for PDA work in the Caribbean.

Our fall gathering was replaced by the Presbyterian Women in the Synod gathering at the Redemptorist Center, Tucson. It was in October, 2019 with Joy Durant, Vice Moderator for Justice and Peace and Leslie Vogel, mission worker from Guatemala as keynote speakers. The theme was Gifts of the Spirit: Bridges of understanding. We are looking forward to our spring gathering on March 28, 2020 at Sun City First with the author of this current Bible study "Carved in Stone" Eugenia Gamble. Come and join us for \$10.

Mary Danforth, Moderator Elect PWP-GC



Stated Clerk's Report

2019 has zipped past us. In January we approved the Constitutional Amendments from the 223rd General Assembly and in the fall we elected new Commissioners to the 224th General Assembly. Now we do it all over again.

This year saw the initiation of a new website for the Presbytery. The Clerk's Corner is gone. It has been replaced with a filing system with headings for all major categories. Documents are found under the heading for the committee or commission for which they are used. For example, the COM Handbook is found under COM. Each document has been updated and a "Re-Certification" date placed on it to indicate the latest approved date of a document.



Bob Schulz
Stated Clerk/Associate

Review of Session Minutes progressed very nicely during the year. Several churches that not had books reviewed for many years have worked to get caught up and are signing up to have the documents reviewed. We appreciate those efforts. Everyone is most helpful working with Carol Gerlach and Jennette Miller during the review process with a healthy exchange of questions and helpful hints. Clerks of Session, your cooperation and participation are greatly appreciated.

It is very encouraging to see the Lord's hand at work in all that we do, as we look for new beginnings, find new ways of doing things, explore possibilities for the future and are not afraid to be in the midst of change.

Bob Schulz

Resources Committee

As we continue our work with the new budget model we continue to be impressed at how well it's working during the 2019 year! During 2019 two concerns emerged.

One is the rapidly deteriorating infrastructure of our Native American churches. Which brings us to the conclusion that we must partner with other grantors in order to secure enough funds to rehabilitate native church properties.

One of the first things that grantors want to know is how much we are committed as a Presbytery to making all this rehabilitation happen. They would look at how many congregations are supporting the Mission budget. We need every congregation in the Presbytery to pledge at least something (it can be a token amount) to the Presbytery Mission Budget in 2020.

Second, discovering that over half of our churches have not filed annual statistical reports! We as a presbytery committee cannot determine what an effective debt load would be for the Presbytery, because we do not know what our resources are! That is another question that any grantor is going to want to know the answer.



On a good note our endowment remains strong at roughly \$5.6million, but that is a drop in the bucket compared to the need.

Rev. Charles Proudfoot

PRESBYTERY OF GRAND CANYON
Summary Financial Report
January through December 2019

	<u>Actual 2019</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Income				
PER CAPITA INCOME FROM CHURCHES				
30100 · Per Capita - Presbytery (\$21.30)	169,130.31	173,258.00	-4,127.69	97.6%
30101 · Per Capita - Synod (\$6.00)	45,835.96	48,805.00	-2,969.04	93.9%
30103 · Per Capita - GA (\$8.95)	69,773.18	72,801.00	-3,027.82	95.8%
Total PER CAPITA INCOME FROM CHURCHES	284,739.45	294,864.00	-10,124.55	96.6%
MISSION INCOME FROM CHURCHES	120,901.62	137,141.00	-16,239.38	88.2%
INVESTMENT INCOME	221,026.00	221,026.00	0.00	100.0%
GRANTS / MISC INCOME	10,762.67	14,900.00	-4,137.33	72.2%
Total Income	637,429.74	667,931.00	-30,501.26	95.4%
Expense				
SYNOD & GA PER CAPITA				
40100 · Synod Per Capita	54,228.00	48,805.00	5,423.00	111.1%
40200 · GA Per Capita	80,890.10	72,801.00	8,089.10	111.1%
Total SYNOD & GA PER CAPITA	135,118.10	121,606.00	13,512.10	111.1%
PROGRAM / ADMINISTRATION				
MISSION GRANTS	92,105.30	100,000.00	-7,894.70	92.1%
MISSION GRANTS - CORE	72,561.79	82,541.00	-9,979.21	87.9%
PRESBYTERY MEETING EXPENSE	1,362.58	4,575.00	-3,212.42	29.8%
COMMITTEE / NETWORK EXPENSE	8,283.46	10,450.00	-2,166.54	79.3%
PROPERTY COMMITMENTS	10,416.95	8,945.00	1,471.95	116.5%
COMMUNICATIONS	16,433.77	14,000.00	2,433.77	117.4%
CONTINGENCIES	-918.75	500.00	-1,418.75	-183.8%
Total PROGRAM / ADMINISTRATION	200,245.10	221,011.00	-20,765.90	90.6%
PERSONNEL	286,355.61	295,814.00	-9,458.39	96.8%
OTHER PERSONNEL	26,500.00	29,500.00	-3,000.00	89.8%
Total Expense	648,218.81	667,931.00	-19,712.19	97.0%
Net Income	<u>-10,789.07</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>-10,789.07</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

Leadership Team

You already know that our life as a presbytery and our lives within congregations are every bit as changeable as our individual lives and our families. In the midst of change we consider how to improve or expand our choices. The details of such change and choice for the past year have drawn the Leadership Team into moving from older established patterns and into newer ways of service for the Presbytery of Grand Canyon. We continue to share staff and projects with our brothers and sisters in Presbytery de Cristo, as well as with the Synod of the Southwest and the General Assembly. We also continue to benefit from the work of our financial staff and treasurers to make good investment choices that allow us to function more fully through the year. Your financial support is a key factor throughout!



Along with new worshipping communities and renewal programs for established congregations, we know that our constant need is for God's direction and power through every instance of our service to Jesus Christ. When we enter together into new efforts, we invariably must consider both attractive possibilities and risk in pursuing them. Risk factors abound, but cannot deter us. To stay just as we are is also full of risk.

At our March meeting, you will receive a detailed report of presbytery staff activity that will reveal the great spread of their work...our work. We'll apply that information and discuss our desires for work in the future. Options for continued function as a team with Presbytery de Cristo will be foremost in our decisions in this year.

Get ready for new and familiar options and events sponsored through our presbytery, including our favorite, "The Big Event in August." Keep praying for our work as a team, even as we pray for you all along the way.

Your brother in Christ, John Clark Poling, Moderator



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