

MINUTES OF A CALLED MEETING OF MISSION PRESBYTERY
Covenant Presbyterian Church – San Antonio, Texas
April 9, 2016 – 1:00 P.M.

Call to Order & Opening Prayer

The Called Meeting of Mission Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator, Teaching Elder James Lee, and opened with worship led by RE Rita Odom, TE Monica Smith, Chair of the general Presbyter Search Committee, RE Andy Anzaldua, TE Dan Milford, and members of the Covenant Presbyterian Worship Team, at 1:00 P.M. on Saturday, April 9, 2016, at Covenant Presbyterian Church in San Antonio, Texas.

The required quorum of three Teaching Elders and three Ruling Elders from three different congregations was present. [See end of Minutes for actual count of attendees.]

The Moderator asked the Interim Stated Clerk to present the call for this meeting. He reported that this meeting was called by the General Council of Mission Presbytery so that the presbytery might hear and act on reports and recommendations from both the General Presbyter Search Committee and the Stated Clerk Search Committee, and any other necessary actions growing directly out of these reports and recommendations, and so that presbytery might elect a General Presbyter and a Stated Clerk.

The Call for the meeting was found to be in order.

Report of COM's Examinations Committee

RE Marie Baker, Chair of COM, and TE Dan Milford, Chair of the Examinations Sub-committee, certified to Mission Presbytery that TE Sallie Watson was examined by the Sub-committee and that COM sustained that examination.

Report and Recommendations of the General Presbyter Search Committee

The Moderator asked TE Monica Smith, Chair of the General Presbyter Search Committee, to make the report on behalf of the Committee. After an opening explanatory statement and gratitude expressed to the committee members, on behalf of the Committee, she **MOVED** the following with great joy and happiness:

That Mission Presbytery elect TE Sallie Sampsell Watson as General Presbyter, effective May 15, 2016, for a five-year term, with the following Terms of Call:

Compensation:	
Salary	40,000
Housing	34,400
Deferred Comp.	855
Dental Ins.	1,632
Benefits:	
½ SECA	5,692
Medical Ins.	18,837
Pension & D/D	9,226
Deferred 403(b)	855
Reimbursed Expenses:	
Travel & Misc.	10,000

Cont. Ed.	1,500
Deferred 403(b)	855
 Total Annual Terms of Call	 122,997

Moving Expenses 10,000
4 weeks vacation & 2 weeks continuing education

TE David Evans, as a member of the Search Committee, spoke in thanks for Monica Smith’s service as Chair of the Search Committee, and for the deep spiritual strength and sense of humor shown by the committee over the months of their service. He gave the presbytery further information about the committee’s decision making process. They looked for a person of integrity, humility, and a palpable love of God and God’s Church; someone with a pastoral presence and a love of people; and someone who would understand the unique context of this part of the Church, Mission Presbytery. The committee found that person in Sallie Watson. In addition, Sallie felt a deep sense of call to Mission Presbytery.

TE Amy Sutherlun also spoke in support of the Committee’s nominee. She affirmed that Sallie Watson likes people, and that she comes to us with a sense of leadership that is collaborative and connecting, building relationships and trust, and she is willing to give the patience, time, and work to see that vision become a reality. She will lead us with a plan and a vision, and the time it will take for “the bus to get there,” leaving no one behind, and we will have fun on the journey.

The Motion was **approved** by voice vote.

TE Smith also MOVED that, upon the election of the General Presbyter, the General Presbyter Search Committee be dissolved, with our deep thanks.

Report and Recommendations of the Stated Clerk Search Committee

The Moderator asked TE Michelle Veters, a member of the Stated Clerk Search Committee, to make the report on behalf of the Committee. After an opening explanatory statement, and on behalf of the committee, she **MOVED** the following:

That Mission Presbytery elect TE Tricia Tedrow, a member of Mission Prebytery, to the position of Stated Clerk, effective April 18, 2016, with the following Terms of Call:

Compensation:	
Salary	29,017.91
Housing	12,000
Benefits	
Bd. of Pensions	14,972
½ SECA	3,136.50
Reimbursed Expenses:	
Auto/Travel	5,000

4 weeks vacation & 2 weeks continuing education

TE Veters introduced Tricia Tedrow to the presbytery in more detail. She is a disciplined person, committed to preaching, creative, and a friend in ministry. She is trustworthy, and a history buff.

She loves music, and the BBC Masterpiece series. She is both serious and playful. She engages heart, head, and hands, loves the Capital C Church.

The Motion was **approved**.

TE Vetter also **MOVED** that, upon the election of the Stated Clerk, the Stated Clerk Search Committee be dissolved.

The Motion was **approved**.

TE Tedrow spoke briefly to the presbytery of her love for this presbytery and her eager anticipation to start her new work.

Adjournment & Closing Prayer

The business for which this meeting was called having been completed, commissioners were thanked for their presence, and the meeting was adjourned with prayer by the Moderator at 2:03 P.M., and the presbytery was invited to gather for a reception in the host congregation's Mission Room.

Actual Attendance:

Teaching Elders	40
Ruling Elder Commissioners	65
Executive Presbyter/Staff	1
Members of General Council (Non TEs)	7
Commissioned Ruling Elders (serving)	5
Certified Christian Educators (REs)	1
Certified Assoc. Christian Educators (REs)	<u>0</u>
Sub-Total, Voting Members	119
Corresponding Members (voice only)	2
Presenters given Voice	0
Visitors/Guests	19
Presbytery Staff	2
Youth Delegates	<u>0</u>
Sub-Total, Non-Voting Attendees	23
Total Attendance	142

Respectfully submitted,

TE William C. Poe
Interim Stated Clerk