



Synod of the Pacific Take-Home Piece

The One Hundred and Sixteenth Stated Assembly

Riverside Hotel, Boise, ID

May 9-11, 2018

The following notes are for commissioners' own use and for reporting to presbyteries. They are not official minutes.

1. Ann Butterfield announced her resignation from Synod staff effective the end of May, 2018. Ann has been with the Synod for 17 years in June. Although her decision to take new employment was difficult, she has accepted a position as the Vice President of Finance and Operations for the Community Foundation in Sonoma County. Friends and colleagues throughout the Synod are invited to send cards and messages of support to Ann Butterfield, c/o Synod of the Pacific, 200 Kentucky St., Suite B, Petaluma, CA 94952.
2. Jane Odell's recommended reading: Barking to the Choir: The Power of Radical Kingship by Gregory Boyle, Alternate Side by Anna Quindlen, and Small Great Things by Jodi Picoult.
3. Investment & Loan rates, effective 6/1/2018, are as follows:*

Investments		Loans	
Custodial Demand	1.20%	Line of Credit	5.75% before Mission Giving discounts
6 Month MDC	1.70%	Amortized	5.50% before Mission Giving discounts
1 Year MDC	1.95%	JM Muzzy (new)	4.50% & 4.75% before Mission Giving Discounts
2 Year MDC	2.15%	Green Loans	3.75%
3 Year MDC	2.35%	Ins/Risk Mitigation	2.25%

* Prior to the 6/1/2018 rate increase, Investments are .20% lower and loans .25% lower.

4. Resources for Task Force on Racism and White Privilege:
 - Waking Up White by Debby Irving was given to commissioners. A study guide is available at https://www.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/oga/pdf/waking_up_white_study_english.pdf
 - "Life of Privilege Explained in a \$100 Race" <https://youtu.be/4K5fbQ1-zps>
5. Presbyteries, sessions/congregations, and the Synod need to update Youth and Child Protection policies.
6. Synod commissioners and guests gave a generous offering to Charitable Assistance to Community's Homelessness (CATCH) of Boise, ID, in the amount of \$1,060.
7. MWS Laura Baarda (Kendall) was elected to be Vice Moderator of the Synod. New Synod officers will be installed at the October, 2018, Synod assembly.
8. Upcoming Synod assemblies dates and sites are set for:
 - Oct. 3-5, 2018 - Mercy Center, Burlingame, CA
 - May 8-10, 2019 - Zephyr Point Presbyterian Conference Center, NV
 - Oct. 9-11, 2019 - Mercy Center, Burlingame, CA
 - May 6-8, 2020 - Portland, OR
 - Oct. 7-9, 2020 - Mercy Center, Burlingame, CA
9. Of the three Opportunity Fund grant applications, two were approved by Synod for funding, in the amount of \$10,000. Allocations:
 - Smart Yards Cooperative – Stone PC / Sunnyvale Presbyterian / First Unitarian Church, San Jose, CA, within the Presbytery of San Jose – Second year grant of \$5,000.
 - Iona Project – Mendocino PC, Mendocino, CA / Westminster Woods, Occidental, CA, within the Presbytery of the Redwoods – First year grant of \$5,000.
10. Presbytery reports from Cascades, Eastern Oregon, Kendall, and Nevada included history of the area and congregations. In coming months, the Synod website will highlight each presbytery and share the reports.
11. If you prepare slides for a report at the synod meeting, please make sure they are in narrow format. For questions, contact andy@northminster.org.
12. Reminder – Synod Permanent Judicial Commission members need to be elected in the presbyteries. Only Boise, Kendall and Nevada currently have members on the commission.