

Central Region Presbytery Meeting
May 23, 2018

**not official minutes. Notes taken by Rev. Talitha Amadea Ado on 5/23/2018

IN ATTENDANCE:

Berkeley Calvary: Susan Hunn
Berkeley First: Roland Peterson
Berkeley St. John's: Max Lynn, Sally Juarez
Hayward First: Jake Medcalf
Hayward New Bridges: Carmen Mason Browne
Oakland Chinese: Peter Chang
Oakland College Ave: Monte McClain
Oakland First: Debra Avery
Oakland Montclair: Talitha Aho, Kristin Dwelley, Susanne Lea, Ben Daniel
Oakland Park Blvd: Jenny Kim
San Leandro Christ: Leonard Nielsen
San Leandro First: Bob Kraut, Michele Johnson, George Swanson, Anne Swanson
Newark First: Garrett Yamada
Richmond Sojourner: Kamal Hassan
Members-at-large: Jeff Hutcheson, Victoria Wells, Brian Cochran

We convened at 4:30, worshiped at 5, and enjoyed a potluck at 5:45. At 6, Monte McClain led us in mixers and team-building exercises. We had some small-group discussion and then convened as a large group to discuss, with Kamal Hassan moderating:

What criteria does a mission project need to meet, in order to be funded by our region? (a content question)

How will we decide whether a project meets the criteria? (a process question)
Are we ready to move forward yet, or do we need more time in discernment?

The first question yielded the following feedback:

- Doable/Feasible
- Viable/Sustainable
- Shares Gospel/Reaches the unreached
- Meets needs: physical, relational, and eternal
- Is a joint ministry
- maximum participation of faith organizations and other organizations
- Excited core of people (on hand or readily obtainable)
- Doesn't replicate things already being served
- hits a root cause
- hands on/collaborative
- has an established track record OR is new and exciting
- collaborative

- justice
- local and international
- measurable impact/outcome
- people involved in relationship building

VOTES

We established a quorum for our region:

A majority of congregations in our region must send at least one representative.

Voting commissioners per congregation are assigned as in all presbytery meetings.

Members-at-large or Honorably Retired teaching elders have voice and vote but do not affect quorum.

We established the policy that a simple majority would rule our votes.

We commissioned a taskforce to design and propose the criteria and process for grants for our region, considering the input given today:

Carmen Mason Browne, Debra Avery, Ben Daniel

We selected a committee to organize and plan the next regional meeting this summer:

Jake Medcalf, Carmen Mason Browne, Bob Kraut

We adjourned with prayer about 8:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Talitha Aho