



Synod of the Pacific Take-Home Piece

125th Stated Assembly
Zoom Video Conference
October 6-7, 2022

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

1. On Thursday morning, nine new Synod commissioners were installed – six who began in the spring and three just starting their terms. The newest commissioners and several new presbytery staff participated in a “Welcome to the Synod” orientation on Sept. 22, which was led by Synod Stated Clerk, Kathy Runyeon, with the help of Synod Executive, Nancy Martin Vincent, and rising Synod Moderator, Nannette Notor.
2. Synod Executive Nancy Martin Vincent (MWS, SFR) and Synod Stated Clerk Kathy Runyeon (MWS, SFR) both reported on the first in-person gathering of the presbytery executives and stated clerks in three years. This gathering, held the last week of September, was appreciated by all who were able to attend. The time together included support, fellowship and education for all, plus the clerks’ reviews of presbytery minutes.
3. On Thursday, Synod approved motions updating the Bylaws and the Articles of Incorporation of Zephyr Point Presbyterian Conference Center (ZPPCC), at the request of the ZPPCC Board of Directors. Two thirds of the ZPPCC Board are elected by this Synod, and the rest by the Synod of Southern California and Hawaii.
4. Deborah Wright (MWS, SFR) from PneuMatrix, and previously an executive in Stockton Presbytery, reported on how a Synod of the Pacific grant provided the seed for what has now grown into a nationwide project helping churches reimagine ways to create sustainable ministries.
5. Friday morning plenary began with worship, including celebration of the Lord’s Supper and an offering of \$2275 to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Outgoing Moderator, Kaye Whitney (MWS, RDW), shared a moving sermon calling all of us to pray for one another. Nannette Notor (RE, SJO) was installed as Synod Moderator and Bob Stebe (MWS, CAS) as Synod Vice Moderator.
6. Christine Long, Board of Pensions Church Consultant, shared resources and opportunities the Board of Pensions provides to congregations and mid councils of the PCUSA. A dues increase of 2% beginning January of 2023 will help in meeting the rising costs of medical care.
7. Stephen Kliewer (MWS, EOR) took time away from a conference at Ghost Ranch to report on a plethora of actions taken by General Assembly this summer. Kathy Runyeon shared additional info from GA, including a wonderful report on Synod minutes reviewed by GA, and pointed to many GA resources which may be helpful.
8. Many resources, including the documents needed for Synod Assembly, are now available on the Synod website, www.synodpacific.org, at the tab related to Synod Assembly - Plenary and Committees.
9. At several times over the two-day meeting, attendees of the Synod Assembly were split into small break-out groups for fellowship and to reflect on questions related to Synod’s Mission and Vision and reports from GA.
10. *Thank you!* and *Congratulations!* to the Rev. Phil Price who has taken a new call in Kansas. He has been wonderful as Recording Clerk for the Synod Assemblies, and we now seek to replace him. (At this meeting, two persons helped cover those duties to draft the Take Home Piece and to take notes and format minutes.)
11. The 2023 Synod Assemblies are scheduled for May 4-5, by Zoom, and October 4-6, in person, we hope!